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TSINING RECAPTURED BY GUERILLAS

VICTORIES CELEBRATED AT HANKOW

Whole Division Of Japanese Facing Annihilation

Hankow, Mar. 29.

Hankow is in a furore over the Tientsin-Pukow railway front victories, and extra editions of the newspapers were sold in the streets late yesterday afternoon. It is officially stated that Chinese troops have recaptured Tsining City.

The Isogai Division, 20,000 strong now at Lincheng, is completely isolated from the Japanese bases and will soon be wiped out, according to Chinese officials.

Chinese headquarters announces that Chinese troops recaptured Tawenkow, 20 miles south of Taian last night. Meantime guerilla troops entered the city of Tsining and street fighting lasted until yesterday morning.—United Press.

Japanese Attack Taiherchwang

Hsuehchow, Mar. 29.
In a desperate attempt to halt the victorious Chinese advance on the north sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway by a new flanking movement, Japanese troops are launching furious counter-attacks on Taiherchwang, the east terminus of the Lincheng-Taiherchwang branch railway.

Hand-to-hand fighting featured by constant bayonet charges has taken place at Taiherchwang during the last two days. Batches of Japanese vanguards forming the spearheads of counter-attacks were wiped out by the Chinese.

The Japanese have so far failed to dislodge the Chinese despite the intensive aerial and artillery bombardment assisting their infantry attacks.

Japanese troops at Yihshien, north of Taiherchwang, are besieged by the Chinese. Fighting has been raging there.

On the railway line the Chinese have recaptured both Lincheng and Kiehho. The railway track between Lincheng and Yenchow has been damaged by the Chinese at over 40 points, completely cutting the Japanese communication lines.—Central News.

Situation Takes Favourable Turn

Tungkwon, March 29.
The situation in south Shansi has taken a favourable turn for the Chinese side.

For the past two days Japanese batteries on the south bank of the Yellow River have been silent and large numbers of Japanese troops are reported to be withdrawing either eastward to north Honan or northward along the Tatung-Pukow Railway.

No serious fighting has taken place during the last few days in south Shansi. However, more Chinese forces have re-crossed the Yellow River and Chinese guerilla units are continuing their activities.

Chaocheng and Housien on the Tatung-Pukow Railway have been recaptured by Chinese guerillas, whilst Hungtung, south of Chaocheng, is besieged.—Central News.

DO-18 SIGHTED OFF CAPE VERD ISLANDS

London, Mar. 28.
The Do-18, the German flying boat which was captured from a freighter in the English Channel on Sunday, is reported to have been sighted off the Cape Verd Islands, off the west coast of Africa.—United Press.

"THEY SAY I AM A TYRANT"

Hitler Attacks Democrats

Berlin, Mar. 28.

Germany is becoming prouder, richer, more beautiful and self-confident, declared Herr Adolf Hitler in a speech to 20,000 people at the Sportpalast to-night. He demanded that every German vote in the "Austrian" plebiscite on April 10.

He said: "He who wants to condemn us shall write his 'No.'"

He declared that more National-Socialists had been murdered in Austria than in the whole of Germany.

"They say I am a tyrant and these murderers are supposed to be democrats. The whole world praises them and, just as in Spain, the democratic hypocrites do not care a hoot, but they suddenly wake up when a Jew in Vienna loses his business."—Reuter.

Barrage Plan To Be Vetoed

London, Mar. 28.
Mr. Edward Buring, Minister of Transport, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Government would be compelled to veto the project for the construction of a Thames barrage at Woolwich, because the Committee of Imperial Defence had reported that from a defence aspect such a barrage would have very serious consequences.

Consequently, the Port of London Authority decided that no useful service would be served by proceeding with an inquiry into the proposal.

The proposed dam would have been 1,500 feet across, would have carried road and rail tracks and contained six locks for ships. Its general effect was to maintain a constant water level to prevent floods.—Reuter.

INSURGENT ATTACK MOVING SWIFTLY

Town After Town Falls To Franco

Saragossa, Mar. 28.

General Franco's forces have captured Mequinenza, an important town on the Ebro River, and they have also secured Barbastro in upper Aragon. Fraga was finally captured at 3 p.m. to-day.—Reuter.

LERIDA SAID TO BE CAPTURED

Gibraltar, Mar. 28.
The Salamanca radio station and other insurgent broadcasts claim that the important town of Lerida has capitulated.—Reuter.

FAMOUS CHAPLAIN PASSES

Bishop Taylor-Smith Went Through Ashanti War

London, Mar. 28.

The death has taken place of Bishop Taylor-Smith, Chaplain-in-General to His Majesty's Forces from 1901 to 1925.—Reuter.

The Right Rev. John Taylor Smith, M.A., C.B., C.V.O., D.D., was born in 1860. He was ordained a deacon in 1885 and priest in 1886. From 1885 to 1890 he was curate of St. Paul's, Penge. From 1890 to 1897 he was Sub-Dean and Canon of St. George's Cathedral, Freetown, and Diocesan Missioner at Sierra Leone. In 1895 he was appointed Chaplain to the Forces in the Ashanti Expedition.

He was Bishop of Sierra Leone from 1897 to 1901 and was Hon. Chaplain to the Queen in 1896. Appointed Chaplain-General to the Forces in 1901, he served in this capacity until 1925, when he retired on pay.

He was Select Preacher at Cambridge in 1904, and was made a Sub-Prince of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in 1916.

SPAIN'S "MAN OF DESTINY"



General Francisco Franco's armies are sweeping all before them in Spain, according to the latest despatches from that ravaged land. In this picture the Insurgent leader is laying out his plan of campaign after the recapture of Teruel, which was a decisive action. The insurgents now hold well over two-thirds of Spain.

ANGLO-ITALIAN PACT CLAUSES, SUPPOSEDLY SECRET, NOW FORECAST

London, Mar. 28.

It is understood the Anglo-Italian pact will contain several secret clauses, including Italian promises to cease garrisoning Libya, an agreement determining the rights of frontiers, fixing the Ethiopian boundaries, and the British position with regard to the boundaries of Kenya and the Sudan, and thirdly a definition of the future activities of Italo-British short-wave broadcasts.

In addition the pact will possibly touch on the future status of Palestine.

It is reliably reported that other clauses include:

British reaffirmation of certain clauses in the Suez agreement relating to freedom of transit.

The promise to refrain from the construction of fortifications on the Eastern shores of the Red Sea.

An Italian pledge to refrain from raising a "Black Army" in Ethiopia. Safeguards for the continued British access to the headwaters and Lake Tana.

Mutual assurances to refrain from hostile and subversive propaganda in the Near East, Middle East and elsewhere.

There are indications that the pact will be signed before Herr Hitler's visit to Rome.—United Press.

Progress At Conversations

Rome, Mar. 28.

Optimism with regard to the Anglo-Italian talks continues and it is thought an agreement is likely to be reached before Easter but will not be signed until after Herr Adolf Hitler's visit to Rome in the beginning of May.

The Foreign Office expects that Mr. G. M. Rendell to-day will have a long talk with the Italian expert. It is believed they discussed questions connected with Palestine, the Suez Canal and the Red Sea.—Reuter.

Mussolini To Speak

Rome, March 28.

Signor Benito Mussolini is expected to make an important statement to the Senate on Wednesday. It is thought he may deal with Italy's defence and possibly announce an increase in armaments.

The speech will be broadcast by all Italian stations.—Reuter.

Mussolini Worried By French Talk Of Intervention

Rome, Mar. 28.

Diplomatic observers have reported that Signor Benito Mussolini is concerned with the possibility of French intervention in Spain, and that he is preparing actively to meet such a move.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

SEVEN FEARED KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

London, Mar. 28.

A long distance flying boat crashed off Brest during the Fleet exercises to-day. It is feared the crew of six and one pressman are lost. The bodies of the crew have been recovered.—Reuter Special.

U.S. LOWERS SILVER PRICE

Washington, Mar. 28.

The Treasury has fixed the price of foreign silver at 40 cents an ounce, compared with the previous price of 45 cents.

It is not immediately explained whether the new price is to be applied to silver futures as well as to spot silver.—Reuter.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

POLICE WELL ABLE TO PROTECT PUBLIC WITHIN SETTLEMENT

Britain Doing Everything Possible to Speed Return Of Normal Conditions

London, Mar. 28.

Replying to Mr. A. C. Moreing (Cons.) in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, an Under-Secretary in the Foreign Office, said that the main hostilities in China had moved about 200 miles from Shanghai, but severe fighting between Chinese guerilla bands and Japanese troops had recently occurred within 60 miles of the city.

The British Government was doing everything possible to assure the return of normal peace-time conditions.

Mr. Moreing pointed out that the International Police were perfectly able to maintain order in the Settlement, and he wished steps would be taken, in the interests of British and other countries' trade, for the removal of Japanese troops from the Settlement.

Mr. Noel Baker (Lab) asked on what grounds the Japanese justify retention of their troops in the Settlement, and Mr. Butler replied that they have the same rights as the other countries with regard to stationing of troops in Shanghai.

Mr. Moreing asked Mr. Butler if he really suggested that Japanese occupation of Hongkew and Yangtszepoo was comparable with British and French action in stationing troops in the International Settlement. No answer was given.—Reuter.

Blum Trying To Pacify Strikers

Paris, Mar. 28.

Mr. Leon Blum and members of the Cabinet are still trying to bring the strikes in the metal and engineering factories, especially those in the aircraft works, to an end.

They attended an unbroken series of conferences with employers and leaders of the strikers during the week-end, and they are continuing the negotiations to-day.—Reuter Bulletin.

BRIGANDS PURSUED BY POLICE

Four Jews Slain By Arab Band

Brutal Murders Avenged

Jerusalem, Mar. 28.

Arab brigands shot and killed four out of nine Jewish passengers in a taxicab on the Safad-Jerusalem road this afternoon. Three of the passengers are missing, and two survivors reached Safad.

The dead are a father, a 12 year-old son, an aged mother and her daughter.

A police patrol rushed to the spot and engaged the brigands which numbered a score, and killed at least three of them.—Reuter.

Jewish Doctor Also Slain

Jerusalem, Mar. 28.

A Jewish doctor was shot and killed on the main coastal road to-day while two Arab buses were ambushed 10 miles from Jerusalem on the main road to Hebron. The passengers were robbed, but there were no casualties.—Reuter Bulletin.

BRITAIN AIMS AT SECURITY

Precautions Against Bombing Raids

London, Mar. 28.

A Home Office circular to local authorities with regard to air raid precautions, says that where it is impossible for persons to shelter in their own houses, the local authorities will arrange to provide shelters, and it is also possible that trenches will be dug in the public parks to protect people living in the immediate neighbourhood against the effects of high explosive bombs.

In view of the reports from Spain and China, received at the Home Office, it is felt that it is almost impossible to make a shelter really proof against a direct hit from a high explosive bomb.

The circular points out that no single or comprehensive plan of evacuation is practicable, but if the necessity for large scale evacuation arose, it would be carried out in co-operation with the Government and the local authority.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT VIRTUAL DICTATOR

Washington, Mar. 28.

President Franklin Roosevelt scored a notable victory in the Senate to-day, when it passed, by 49 votes to 42, a Bill giving the President sweeping powers to reorganise executive departments.

Opponents of the measure bitterly denounced it as giving the President virtual dictatorial powers. Congressmen over the week-end received over 100,000 telegraphed protests against the Bill.—Reuter.

Country clothes are more CASUAL



Serge, plain and striped, makes this sports suit. Skirt is cream-coloured, made in 6 slightly flaring panels. Blazer jacket is striped with claret and bright green, and a panel of the green runs from neck to hem. Woollen sweater is claret-coloured.

ALL sports clothes shown in Paris during the last two or three years have been typically English—tailored, severe, classical.

This year the French designers seem to have been inspired by the more casual, but at the same time slicker, country clothes American women wear.

You know the sort of thing; you see them in every country club scene in American films. Blazer jackets over simple sweaters and pleated skirts; white serge coats with deep pockets and fitted waists; man's suit materials feminised by bits of bright colour or tricky little skirts.

Stripes come into their own for sports; they always have been "right" for wearing in the country, and now they're exceedingly smart as well.

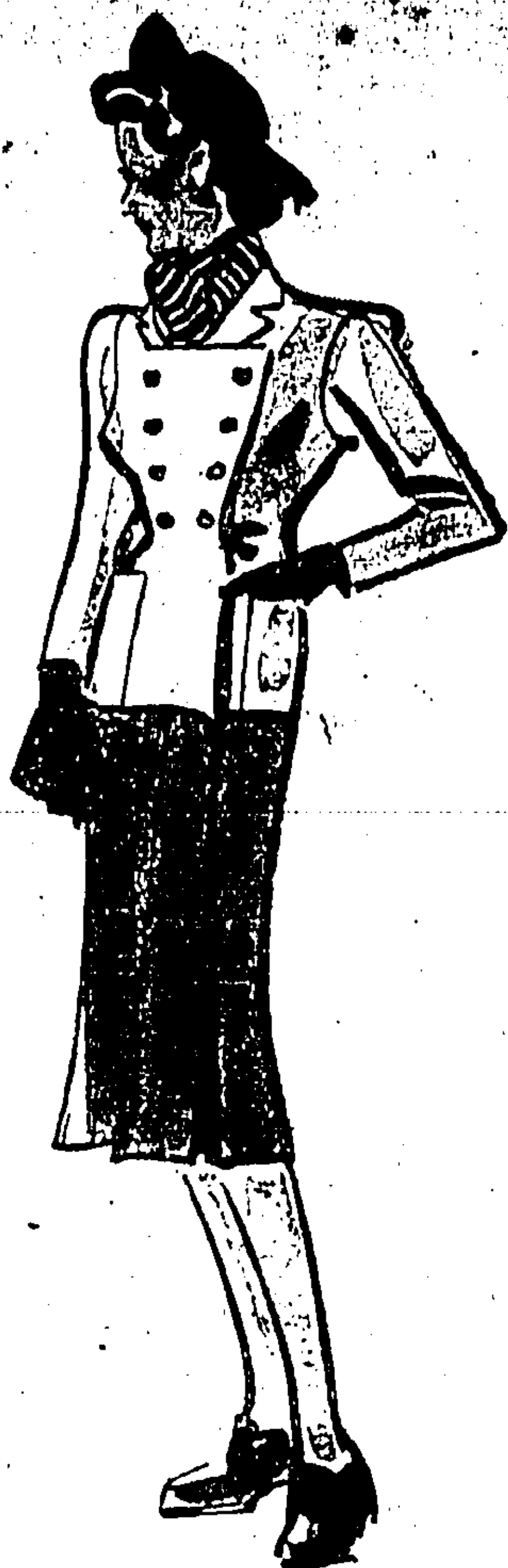
The trick of putting a plain skirt under striped jacket shows off the stripes, and to make it clear that the two go together and are not just an odd skirt and coat they are giving plain materials a striped partner.

That means that if you buy a length of, say, grey suiting for a skirt you will be able to get the same material, striped in another colour, for its jacket.

BESIDES all sorts of men's suiting, designers are using flannel, linen, whipcord and serge particularly for blazers or for long coats; whipcord following up the idea of lower waist-lines.

Jackets, like those on town suits, are longer, easily fitted, sometimes bound with braid and often slit up the back. Skirts are shorter, but not more than half an inch or so, and fuller.

Many of them are accented with pleated all round; sometimes pleats are pressed down to the hips left unpressed below.



Jacket in yellow whipcord, square, double-breasted, over a narrow collar. Skirt, brown gabardine, pleated and with a darker brown stripe. Yellow and brown striped tussore scarf.

TRENDS

THE long-sleeved waist coat, striped, spotted or plain, is fine for the country. They sometimes copy a man's suit by showing a bit of its cuff below that of the jacket sleeve.

These waistcoats, made of the silk, of twill, of pique, tussore, or jersey, are gay and bold to give a life to the quiet blues and greys of the suits, and are matched up by coat linings.

Alternatives are simple sweaters or tailored and pleated shirts. Later on in the year you will probably be getting a linen suit; now that it hardly crushes, linen is an ideal material for summer sport, cool and fresh looking.

Beach outfits, too, are made of linen or tussore, and break away from the trouser or playsuit tradition into good old bloomer suits. Not very becoming, I must say, but sometimes they've an ankle-length skirt over them, or an apron with a deep pocket across the front (idea borrowed from a gardener's green bluze apron).

EASIEST way of getting at all the details of a new sports suit is to pick one to pieces.

NECK is high, but not much above your collarbone. Inside might be a plain round collar or a twisted stock.

JACKET is striped, square-shouldered, no collar, hangs open, three-inch slit up the back.

WAISTCOAT: buttons all the way down, is as long as the jacket, matches the jacket lining.

SKIRT is plain, short, pleated pleating starting from where the coat stops. Fastens with a zip.

MATERIALS might be any of these: man's suiting, flannel, serge, linen, gabardine. Waistcoat of rough tussore, the silk or linen.

COLOURS: probably grey or blue; stripes red, yellow or brown.

SAVOURY BALLS FROM SCRAPS

SCRAPS of fat may be worked into savoury balls.

If you are having a stew, trim off all fat from the mutton or beef, mince the fat and add it to about three times its weight in flour.

With the flour and fat, mix baking powder in the proportion of 1 teaspoon to ½ lb flour, some chopped parsley, good pinch herbs, pepper, and salt.

Four in sufficient milk or water to make a stiff dough. Flour your hands, and form into small balls. Drop these into the stew about ½ hour before the meat is ready.

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RHUBARB RECIPES

OFTEN the simplest ways are the best in serving rhubarb.

Try, for instance, rhubarb fritters. Wash the sticks and then cut them into lengths. Get ready a pan of smoking hot fat. Dip the pieces of rhubarb into batter, and then fry on both sides till attractively brown. Drain, sprinkle with brown sugar, and serve immediately.

Here is another rhubarb and batter dish, which the children will like either hot or cold. First make a batter with 6 ozs of flour, an egg, and ½ pint of fresh milk. Then sprinkle 2 ozs of grated suet over the bottom of a greased pie-dish.

Wash the rhubarb and cut into pieces about an inch long. Place these in the dish and pour the batter in. Bake slowly, sprinkle with sugar to liking, and then pour custard round.

Here is another rhubarb dish the children are very fond of. Prepare about 1 lb of rhubarb cutting into pieces, and simmer with a pint of water and sugar to liking. Melt 1 oz of gelatine in a little water, and then strain into the rhubarb. Next add the juice of an orange. Turn into a mould, leave to set, and serve with custard.

With Sago

Rhubarb goes very well with sago, and this is worth a trial. Cut up as much rhubarb as you want, and then cook it in water for 10 minutes, allowing a pint of water to 1 lb of rhubarb. For each ½ lb of rhubarb you will require ¼ lb of sago and a gill of water.

Add the sago and water to the rhubarb, and sugar to taste. Boil all up together for a further 10 minutes. When done turn into a wetted mould, then leave to set, and serve with custard.

Rhubarb roll is one of the ways of serving. Have some good short pastry, and roll out to about a quarter of an inch thick. Wash the rhubarb and cut into inch pieces. Lay these on the pastry, sprinkle with sugar, and add a few gratings of lemon rind. Then add just a dust of ginger.

Butter a baking dish, and then line it with buttered paper. Roll up the pastry, put the roll in the dish, and bake in a moderate oven for about half an hour. Serve with custard.

Many people are fond of baked rhubarb. Cut up the sticks and butter a baking dish. Sprinkle with nutmeg and grated orange rind. Fill the dish with the rhubarb and sprinkle more nutmeg and rind on the surface. Squeeze the juice of an orange over and sprinkle with castor sugar. Put pats of butter here and there, cover with buttered paper, and bake in a moderate oven.

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If I Could Begin Again By A Young Wife

MOST people at some time wish they could begin again and take advantage of opportunities missed.

They nearly always lost sight of the fact that if they could begin again, in all probability they would do the same things. If I could begin again, with the knowledge I have now, I should see to it that things were different.

For instance, I would not marry before my 25th year. A girl who plunges into marriage at 20 or 21 years of age misses the best part of her girlhood, and has to shoulder too many responsibilities before she is really capable.

Overcoming Difficulties

Like many women to-day, I made the mistake of expecting pretty looks to carry me through, instead of being capable of overcoming difficulties by my own efforts. I am not decrying good looks, of course. The trouble is too many women possess them. In themselves good looks and prettiness are not sufficient to make the most of life.

Then, if I could begin again, I would always have an objective instead of constantly changing from one thing to another. I was always enthusiastic in starting new things, but if I did not overcome difficulties very early I was reluctant to carry on—but went on to something else. Women who are able to complete

everything they tackle make the best housewives.

A Passenger Instead of a Driver

I am happily married, yet I know that I could not "pull my weight" if I had to. I should like to be a driver and less often a passenger.

Sometimes I wish I could begin again if only for the reason that I could study house-wifery right from the very bottom. It is all very well being able to detail this and that to a maid, and then grumble when everything does not turn out quite right. But it is worse when we realise that we could not do the job half as well by our own efforts.

If I could begin again I would not marry a doctor. For one thing, they are seldom at home; you never know when they may be called out in the middle of the night.

I should marry a man who was more my equal than my superior, and I should have his company at least several hours of the day. And his views of life might coincide more with my own. As a doctor's wife, I am expected to do this and that as a matter of form. Life becomes stereotyped—too much so at times.

ON Friday, January 21, members of the Deutsch-Scottischer Verein in Glasgow presented two short plays for the Edinburgh German Circle—"Die Fliege" by H. John, and "Der Kramerkorb" by Hans Sachs. The meeting was held at 15 Queen Street, at 8 p.m.

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Head Of U.S. Navy Discloses Hitherto Unknown Plans For War

Biggest Rail Tragedy Revealed

Grenoble, France, Mar. 15.
For the first time in twenty years the French Government has permitted publication of facts concerning what is claimed to be the world's greatest railroad tragedy, in which a total of one thousand casualties were registered and six hundred and sixty crack soldiers died.

The accident occurred during the World War, on December 12, 1917, and caused more casualties than many an important engagement on the battlefields. Fear of public indignation and demoralisation behind the lines caused the censors order which suppressed news of the wreck and held the censorship tight until this year.

GOING HOME ON LEAVE

On the day of the accident a train bringing 1,100 men home on leave from the Italian front reached the Franco-Italian frontier town of Mondane, high in the French Alps. The men were in a hurry to get home and another train was hastily assembled, made up of old Italian wooden railway carriages which were not considered safe for munitions shipments nearer the front. More than one thousand soldiers piled into carriages shouting to the engineer to hurry their departure.

Railway workers, and particularly the chief mechanic Girard, refused to take the train out of the station, protesting that the brakes were in dangerous condition and the train absolutely overloaded. To the lively protests of the soldiers, officers finally added their imperative military orders for the railway men to take the train to Grenoble.

HIGH PASS ON ALPS

Mondane is situated at one of the highest railroad passes in the Alps and the run down from the mountain peaks to Grenoble is one of the steepest in France. Twisting and turning, the line spirals down precipitous heights, along deep gorges to the Isere, less than five hundred feet above sea level. The steepest part of the route is that from Mondane to the little mountain hamlet of Saint-Michel.

Seeing that he could not prevent the train from leaving, the engineer pleaded to the men to wait until a second locomotive could be found and placed at the rear of the train to brake for the steep points on the line. The Colonel in charge refused to allow any delay and the heavy train pulled at 11.15 p.m. faulty lights leaving the train in absolute darkness.

The engineer and firemen approached the first steep grade, sweating as they tried to maintain control of the top-heavy train. Snow covered the mountains and the tracks were covered with a treacherous sheet of ice. Suddenly the brakes refused to function and the loaded train gathering momentum swept along at 80, 90, 100, and finally 120 miles an hour. Sweeping around a curve the engine broke off from the wagons and sped safely down the hill. The cars left the tracks and smashed into a sustaining wall on the mountainside.

FIRE ADDED TO HORROR

All night long the villagers of Saint-Michel worked, but all the aid that could be mobilized failed to save 600 soldiers from a horrible death. The cars smashed to splinters and blazing was added to the horror of exploding grenades and cartridges throughout the night.

The catastrophe remained an absolute secret until the end of the war when families of the dead men were permitted to discuss the subject freely. The affair was never allowed in print, however, until it was briefly mentioned in a news dispatch following the fatal holiday train wreck near Paris in the Christmas season.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Each year, however, the families and relatives of the men have made a pilgrimage to the little hamlet where their sons died. A monument has been raised to their memory and the spot is consecrated as if it had been actual battleground. The Colonel who ordered the train to leave on its fatal trip would have faced a court-martial had he survived the wreck, but in a subsequent enquiry the engineer and brake man of the train were absolved of all blame.

The twentieth anniversary of France's greatest railroad wreck, and perhaps the world's greatest, was celebrated this year with full solemnity. There were more than 1,500 members of 800 families present at the ceremony for the Pottus who died on their way back from the front.

FULL DRESS ON PARADE



WELLINGTON BARRACKS.—Air raid precautions were recently rehearsed. The sentry is muffled in anti-gas clothing; the piece of paper stuck on his bayonet is a chemical detector, which reveals the presence of poison gas.

NEW-STYLE CURES

SCIENCE HEALS WITH HAMMER AND NAIL NOW!

OUR GO-AHEAD SURGEONS, ALWAYS READY TO TRY NEW WAYS OF MENDING MEN, ARE NOW PERFECTING WHAT IS PROBABLY THE MOST ASTOUNDING OF ALL SURGICAL PRACTICES—THE HAMMER AND NAIL OPERATION.

They have not scrupled to borrow from the humble carpenter a wrinkle or two in joinery, with the result that, nowadays, the fractured bones of certain patients are being literally nailed together!

So satisfactory is this new method of human healing that one joke in the medical profession is "Be nailed up or you must be nailed down." It is simple truth to say that the lives of many persons—especially elderly people—are being saved because their surgeon has had the courage to drive a nail, two and a half inches long, clean into the centre of a fractured hip-bone.

It takes three months or longer of lying in plaster of Paris for a fractured hip to get right; and this period of immobility is more than the average elderly person can endure. He or she may die of pneumonia, or some other disease, during such a period.

But if the two pieces of broken bone are nailed together the patient can get up and hobble about on crutches and so avoid the complications which affect the elderly. Hence the growing use of a nail instead of plaster for a broken hip-bone.

So far, the surgeons are not quite agreed as to the best method of nailing their patients together.

GUIDE WIRE USED

Some bore a hole and insert a thin guide-wire, thus ensuring that the absolute centre of the two broken

bones is pierced. Then they cover in the guide-wire with a hollow nail. Others do not trouble with the wire at all.

Sometimes the pin is not driven straight in or it will splinter the bone; and then it has to be extracted and hammered in again while the patient is still happily unconscious.

The nail is of the finest polished chromium steel and as nails go, is expensive, costing more than £1.

Second operations are sometimes performed to recover the nail for future use.

But this second operation might be dispensed with for even when the fracture has grown together naturally, the nail should cause no serious inconvenience.

There is no bone except the hip in the human body that is capable of being nailed together. Even with the hip, the nail is not driven clean through.

Although this operation has just been admitted to some of the new text-books of surgery, it is still regarded as being in the experimental stage.

MILK BOTTLE PSYCHOLOGY

Worcester, Mass.
Because the housewife wants to see the amount of cream on top of each quart of milk, Prof. J. H. Franzen of the State Dairy Industry department believes it will be many years before paper containers replace the glass milk bottle.

20 PER CENT. BIGGER FLEET IS NEEDED

By Carroll Kenworthy
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.
BASIC FACTORS IN THE UNITED STATES WAR PLANS WERE DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN ADMIRAL WILLIAM D. LEAHY, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATION, TOLD CONGRESSMEN WHY A 20 PER CENT. BIGGER FLEET IS NEEDED.

Leahy testified daily for more than a week before the naval committee of the House of Representatives on questions of technique and policy. As chief of naval operations, Leahy is the highest ranking officer of the navy on land or sea.

The sessions were public and consequently brought to light many aspects of the national defence programme which were not widely known. Leahy was called to testify in connection with President Roosevelt's request that Congress authorise a 20 per cent. increase in all categories of naval strength above the limit of the old London Treaty which was the standard until this year.

Main points in the navy's war policy which thus became public included the following:

1. The navy plans to meet any approaching attack by another sea power "hundreds of miles" at sea and to defeat it there if possible;
2. The present fleet is inadequate to protect both coasts at once and much greater navy would be necessary to do that;
3. The navy would never divide the fleet even in case of simultaneous attack in two oceans by one or more powers;
4. Instead it would attempt to defeat the attacking force in one ocean and then cruise as rapidly as possible to the other ocean to defeat the second;
5. The fleet cannot rely with certainty on the use of the Panama Canal in war time;
6. All naval war plans are based on the theory that the United States will have to fight its enemies without assistance from any other navy;
7. The navy at its present strength is inadequate to take offensive action against any other naval power;
8. A fleet 20 per cent. stronger than the present one would be necessary to attempt an offensive action against Japan;
9. The presently requested 20 per cent. increase in fleet strength is not intended to attain strength sufficient for offensive action but is only to counter-balance in part the increases made by other naval powers in recent years;
10. The greatest immediate need of the navy is for a bigger and faster "train fleet" of auxiliary vessels capable of travelling with the fighting ships to supply them with fuel and goods and provide repairs.

Other elements in the war calculations of the navy high command which were indicated but not completely stated by Leahy were that some disturbances in Latin American countries at the instigation of European powers must be considered in defence plans and that Japan, Germany and Italy are tied together "in some kind of agreement" which the navy must consider in its view of the world situation.

Navy committeemen in Congress questioned Leahy at great length not only on technical problems but also on foreign policy because some of them had the impression that the navy had the impression that the navy was linked with an "aggressive" foreign policy. They sought particularly to ascertain what agreement or understanding, if any, the United States had with any other naval power regarding "polling the world" or quarantining other nations. Leahy denied the existence of any such agreement with any other nation. He was subsequently supported in his denial by Secretary of State Cordell Hull and President Roosevelt.—United Press.

Gem of Death

Paris.
Police here to-night announced that the £30,000 emerald which was stolen last week-end from 97-years-old Countess Helene de Merchoff has been recovered.

The countess, who regarded the gem as her talisman, collapsed when she discovered her loss, and died soon afterwards.

She had frequently told friends, "If I lose this stone I shall die." Two people, Maurice le Mailier, an artist, and Mme. Florine Franck, a goddaughter of the countess, have been arrested in connection with the theft.

The emerald is alleged to have been found hidden behind a clock on the mantelpiece at Mailier's home, together with £27 and several thousands of francs, stated to be the proceeds from the sale in London of the 18 stones which surrounded the emerald in its mounting.

SYDNEY TO LOSE TRAMS

Sydney.
In 20 years this city will have no more street cars, according to Premier Steeghs. Plans just adopted provide for their complete elimination by trolley buses.

Clark Gable Is Best Dressed Man

Clark Gable, hairy-chested he-man of the films, has been named the nation's best-dressed man by the men who cut clothes and sew them together—and ought to know. Gable, according to the Merchant Tailors' Designers Association, wears drape coats better than any other man in America.

Here are the other nine of the "10 Best Dressed" selected by the association, in order!

- 2 A. S. Kirkby, Chicago, hotel man.
- 3 Gene Markey, Hollywood, writer.
- 4 Alfred Rogers, Toronto, multi-millionaire.
- 5 L. Montflore Stein, New York, stock exchange.
- 6 Frank Gordon McGough, Milwaukee, retired financier.
- 7 President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- 8 Warren Wright, Lexington, Ky., sportsman.
- 9 Mayor Edward J. Kelly, Chicago, politician.
- 10 Jack Benny, Hollywood, radio comedian.

Fred Astaire, nimble-footed movie star, who, with President Roosevelt topped the list last year, failed to get place in the 1938 selections.

"It isn't that either Astaire or President Roosevelt has slumped, W. J. Fitzgerald, association official, explained. "It's just that American men as a group are becoming more and more clothes-conscious."

"Fred Astaire still is a well-dressed gentleman."

Gable, tailors explained, represents their ideal in wearing, loose fitting coats with just the proper amount of nonchalance.

Kirkby is a specialist in trousers of just the right width, hang and cuff.

Markey was said to be connoisseur of sleek suits, and to own 85 of them in a rainbow of colours. Rogers was tops in cutaway coats and morning clothes and Stein was best in double-breasted business and sports clothes. McGough was an all-around fancy dresser, owning some 60 suits.

"He even orders his swimming trunks tailor-made," said Fitzgerald. "And he paid \$40 for a pair of canary-yellow trunks recently."

President Roosevelt outshone all others in the matter of "executive" attire, with special mention going to his cutaways. Kelly was the best-dressed mayor in the U.S., specializing in double-breasted. Wright had the best sports attire and Benny was the "neatest" dresser, because Mary Livingston, his wife, buys his suits.—United Press.

FORTUNE FROM ZIP FASTENERS

DEATH OF MAKER

New York.
Col. Lewis Walker, who made an enormous fortune from the Zip fastener, died to-day at the age of 82 at Meadville, Pennsylvania. He first saw the hookless fastener, which was later to become an article of everyday use, at the 1893 World's Fair at Chicago, where the inventor was vainly seeking funds to market his device.

It was not until 20 years later, however, that Col. Walker finally started manufacture in a tiny factory, employing fewer than 20 hands. To-day the company has 4,000 employees with numerous factories in various cities.

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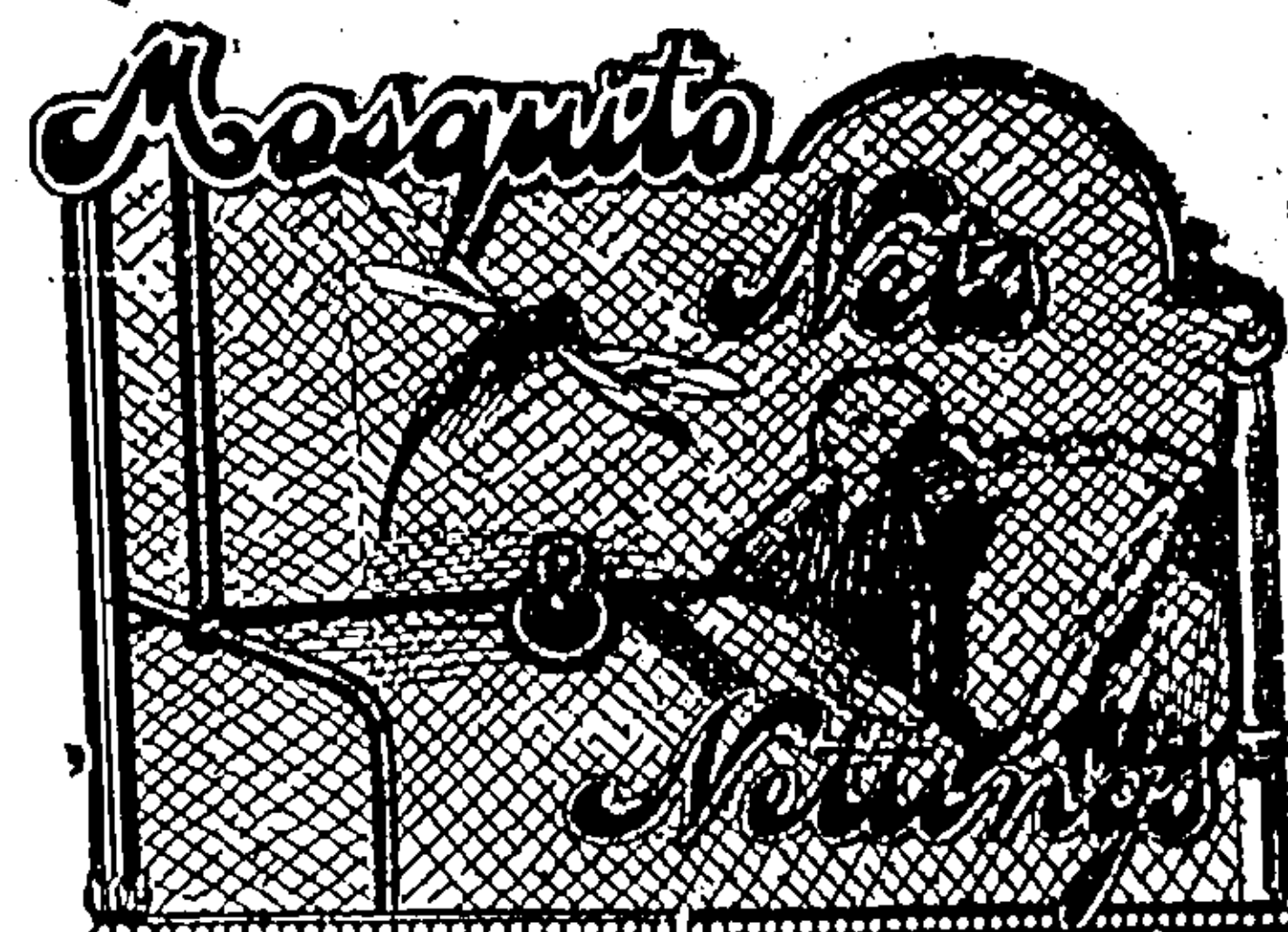


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THE "FLYING CARPET" CROSSES THE PACIFIC

Washington.

President Roosevelt, who receives more gifts than any other person in the country, has a new one to add to his collection—a "flying carpet."

The rug, brown, woollen and plaid, arrived after a seven-day flight from New Zealand aboard a Pan American Airways plane, the ill-fated Somoan Clipper. It was the gift of Premier Michael J. Savage.—United Press.

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Head Of Well-Known Family
Passes Away

The death occurred at Serdang, Kedah, at the residence of his son on Sunday, March 13, of Dato Dr. Wong Shin-hwin of Kelantan, at the age of 61 years. The deceased had been ailing for some time and passed away peacefully in the presence of his whole family.

The body was taken to Singapore and the funeral took place on March 17.

Besides the widow, the deceased is survived by two sons, Dr. Wong Siong-lee, Medical Officer of the Serdang Group Estates, Kedah, and Dr. Wong Siong-hing, of Kelantan, and three daughters.

The younger son, Dr. Wong Siong-hing, is well-known in Hongkong swimming circles as a former holder of the Colony backstroke record, established while he was an undergraduate at the Hongkong University. He also represented the Colony in a Swimming Interlop against Shanghai. He was married in Hongkong some years ago to Miss Florence Tong, member of a prominent local Chinese family.

U.S. COMMODITY
PRICES
LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS

New York, March 28.

New York Cotton		
	Opening	Closing
May	8.74/74	8.73/74
July	8.80/81	8.78/79
October	8.85/84	8.83/83
December	8.87/88	8.84/84
Jan. (1939)	8.88/88	8.85/85
Mar. (1939)	8.90/90	8.91/91
Spot		8.79

The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 26.

New York Rubber		
	12.75/75	12.90/90
May	12.75/75	12.90/90
July	12.95/91	13.02/93
September	13.10/04	13.16/17
December	13.20/26	13.33/34
January		13.39/40

Sales for the day:—2,350 tons.

Chicago Wheat		
	85 1/2/85 3/4	86 1/4/86 1/2
May	85 1/2/85 3/4	86 1/4/86 1/2
July	81 1/2/81 3/4	82 1/2/82 1/4
Sept.		83 1/2/83 1/4

Thursday's Sales:—14,772,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn		
	61/61	61 1/2/61 1/2
May	61/61	61 1/2/61 1/2
July	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 3/4/62 3/4
Sept.		62 3/4/62 3/4

Winnipeg Wheat		
	116 1/4/116 1/2	118 1/2/118 1/2
May	116 1/4/116 1/2	118 1/2/118 1/2
July	107/100 3/4	108 1/2/108 1/2
Oct.		109 1/2/109 1/2

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Notice to Shareholders

The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Wednesday, the 6th April, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 6th April, 1938, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.THE INDO-CHINA STEAM
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The Fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 31st March, 1938, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th March to 14th April inclusive.

By order of the Board,

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General Managers.STOCK MARKET
DEPRESSEDREACTION TO U.S.
SILVER POLICY

London, Mar. 28.

The Stock Market to-day was very quiet and generally rather depressed following the sharp week-end break on Wall Street, but the volume of selling was small. Gill-edged issues were steady, though undated holdings were slightly lower.

Czechoslovakian bonds were firmer, but Industrials lower, except Aviation and Motors which were resistant. Kaffirs encountered some Paris selling.

Among the commodities, silver was weak, the price falling three-farthings in the absence of buyers, following the announcement that America was abrogating the silver buying pact with Mexico. Wall Street was actively irregular. —*Reuter Special.*

DESIRE TO RE-EXAMINE
PHILIPPINES STATUS

Manila, Mar. 28.

Mr. Paul McNutt, United States High Commissioner in the Philippines, and President Manuel Quezon, have not revealed the results of their first conference held since Mr. McNutt's return to Manila.

It is believed, however, that they are agreed on the desirability of a "realistic" re-examination of the Philippines political status. —*United Press.*

NON-PARTY GOVERNMENT
FOR BULGARIA

Sofia, Mar. 28.

Candidates in the general election who supported King Boris's non-party Government, have won 103 seats as compared with the opposition's 57 seats. —*Reuter Bulletin.*

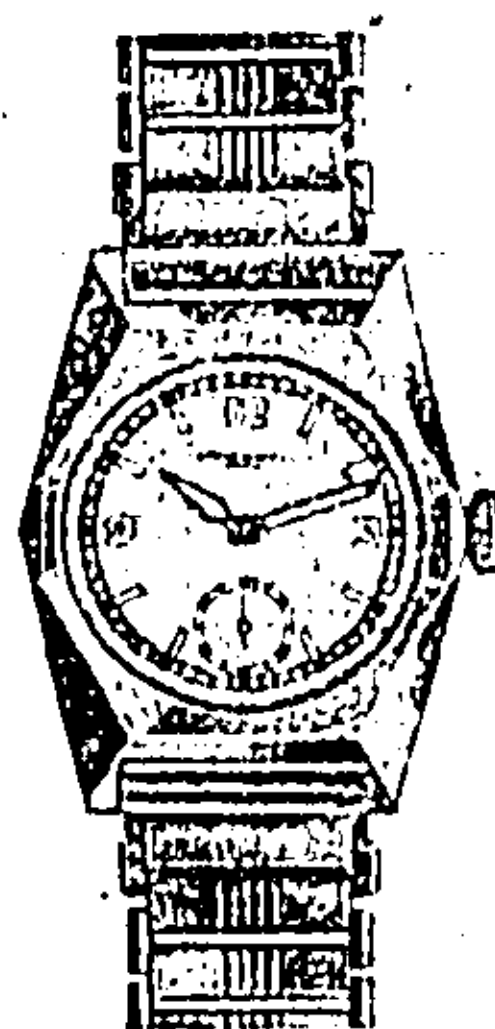
CARDENAS SEEKS TO
STOP STRIKE THREATS

Mexico City, Mar. 28.

President Cardenas and Labour leaders are co-operating in urgent efforts to thwart any strike threats in the mining industry. —*United Press.*

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AMERICAN
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Dead, Aged 80

New York, Mar. 28.
The death is announced of Colonel Edward Mandell House, one of the United States delegates to the peace negotiations in 1919, at the age of 80. —*Reuter Bulletin.*

Colonel House was personal representative of President Wilson to the European governments in 1914, 1915 and 1916, and in 1917 he was appointed by the President to gather and organize data that would be needed at the eventual peace conference.

He was designated to represent the United States at the making of the armistice between the Allied and Associated Powers and the Central Powers, at Versailles in 1918, and he was United States Peace Commissioner at Versailles from 1918 to 1919. He was a member of the Commission charged by the Peace Conference to make the Covenant of the League of Nations, and he was also a member of the Commission on Mandates in London, 1919.

PICK-A-BACK
PLANE STARTLES
OBSERVERSVERTICAL LEAP OFF
PARENT CRAFTSUCCESSFUL TEST
AT 140 M.P.H.CLOSE-UP VIEW FROM
AN AIR LINER

From MAJOR C. C. TURNER

Rochester.
Flying high above the river Medway in the Corunna, one of the Empire flying boats, the volume of the second mid-air separation of the Short-Mayo pick-a-back plane from the mother aircraft.

The test, which was successful in every way, provided a most thrilling experience, alike for the two pilots of the composite aircraft and those who witnessed it.

We, in the Corunna, were flying 100 yards to the starboard of the Short-Mayo plane, at an altitude of 500ft., when the separation was effected.

Below we could see the thousands of spectators on the river banks, gazing up at an eight-engined biplane flying-boat. Against the sky the two long floats of the Mercury above the wing of the Main, and a total of four wing-tip floats, presented the appearance of a family of differently sized fish in packed swimming formation.

Suddenly a red fire-ball shot out. It was a Very light signal timed to precede the experiment by 10 seconds.

Breathlessly we waited through those 10 seconds. Then, before we had time to realise that the test had been successfully carried out, there were two four-engined monoplane in the air instead of the eight-engined biplane.

A big vertical gap separated them. It was this feature of the separation which created general astonishment. It settled one important question, for there have been doubts whether the two components would part cleanly enough to avoid danger of fouling just after separation.

Looking down on the Medway shortly before this test was made, I had seen Mr. J. Lankester Parker fly the "composite" plane off the water. It took off like a bird despite its 21 tons weight.

With Mr. Lankester Parker was Capt. A. S. Wilcockson, one of the two skippers who took part in last year's experimental flights across the Atlantic. The pilot of the upper component, the Mercury, was Mr. H. L. Piper.

Another Atlantic airman took part in the demonstration for the pilot of the Corunna was Capt. G. J. Powell, who shared with Capt. Wilcockson the honours of last summer's flying-boat experiment. As pilot of the observing machine to-day, Capt. Powell shared with Mr. Lankester Parker the credit for manoeuvring into ideal relative positions.

The separation took place at a speed of 140 m.p.h., and within a few seconds both planes straightened out. The Main alighted easily on the water, while the Mercury circled over Rochester several times before returning to the Medway.

CONFIDENT PILOTS
This was the second separation of the Composite plane, and it was clear from what the two pilots said afterwards that they had gathered confidence.

According to Mr. Lankester Parker, it is merely a matter of waiting for a patch of smooth air, of watching instruments and illuminated signals, getting clear conversation by telephone with the pilot of the machine overhead, and pulling levers in the right order.

Mr. Piper said he had to be ready on the instant of separation to take control of his machine, for while locked to the other its controls are inoperative. The moment of release brings them into action.

Many variations of types of aircraft and of method of operating them on the "composite" principle have been evolved, and it may now be stated that already a new one is being made with a somewhat different form of carrier flying-boat. An upper component with a land

CHINA WILL WIN
IN LONG RUN,
CHIANG ASSERTSWill Wear Japan Down
By Sheer Weight Of
Population, Claim

By JAMES A. MILLS

(Associated Press Staff Writer)

(KAIFENG, Honan Province, China (By Mail).—In spite of the loss to Japan of Shanghai, Nanking, and other cities, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is to-day the same optimistic, determined and courageous figure that he was in the beginning of the war. He still has an unshakable belief that China, in the long run, will exhaust Japan by a war of attrition and by persistent guerrilla tactics.

"We have the patience and endurance born of five thousand years of struggle and strife," he declared to me during a recent visit to Army Headquarters here.

"We may bend, but we will never break," he continued. "Our strength is the strength of our age-old Yangtze and Yellow Rivers, slowly but inexorably boring their way through the mighty mountains. Our patience is based on centuries of suffering and privation."

WILL WEAR JAPAN DOWN

"We will wear down Japan to the point of exhaustion by the sheer weight and strength of our huge population, by our limitless patience and endurance, and by our inexhaustible natural resources. Time means little in a country that has existed for millenniums."

Discussing the same theme at a conference of divisional army commanders here, the famous military chieftain warned the army leaders that they must be prepared to carry on the fight against Japan for five years or more if necessary.

"In view of the magnitude of the struggle and of the great principles for which China is fighting," the Generalissimo said, "this is not a long time as the history of nations goes."

CITES CASE OF AMERICA

"You must remember that America did not achieve its independence from England until after long years of bitter struggle. But in the end the American colonists, by their tenacity, determination, and bravery, were victorious."

"You must also remember that the Americans in winning their liberty, also established the foundations of Democracy. That is the goal of the new China. We must strive for real Democracy, equality, the removal of all traces of privilege and overlordship."

Asked if, in the light of Germany's failure to bring about peace between China and Japan, he would welcome American mediation to settle the conflict, the distinguished soldier-statesman replied: "Yes, because I feel your President would see to it that each side was given a fair deal, justice and satisfaction."

"Indeed, I feel that if a peace conference is held, the city of Washington would be an ideal place in which to convene it. It was at Washington that the famous Nine-Power Pact, which Japan has so flagrantly violated during the present war, had its origin."

WOULD SERVE AS DELEGATE

"The signatories of that great document, which I consider one of the most momentous and far-reaching treaties of all time, would be able, if they met in conference at Washington, to re-establish the sanctity, authority and inviolability of that treaty and reaffirm the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Chinese Republic, which the treaty guarantees."

The Generalissimo said he would welcome nothing more than to serve as one of China's delegates at such a peace conference in Washington. "Not only would it give me an opportunity to serve my country in a great cause, but it would enable me to fulfil my life's dream of seeing something of the United States and of its great institutions and people," the famed head of the Chinese Republic declared.

WELL AND VIGOROUS

Considering his tremendous duties, problems and responsibilities in directing the war and in solving the Nation's thousands of pressing internal and administrative problems, the Generalissimo looked astonishingly well and vigorous. He seemed more youthful, alert and buoyant than ever before.

One might think from his frail appearing physique and diminutive stature that the war and its problems would overwhelm him. But he showed not the slightest trace of worry or fatigue. Indeed, he seemed metaphorically to be a giant shouldering an atlas.

In conversing with the correspondent he emphasized his points by decisive gestures of his slender, elegant, almost juvenile hands. He radiated optimism, enthusiasm and the spirit of victory. If China's 400,000,000 could share that spirit, the correspondent thought, there would be no doubt of China's ultimate triumph.

undercarriage will eventually be made.

The Short-Mayo will now go to Felixstowe for routine tests by Air Ministry officials and pilots. This experiment is a joint Air Ministry and Imperial Airways venture, mainly with a view to swift carriage of mails for great distances. Many advantages in economy would be effected by the adoption of composite aircraft, and also there are obvious military applications.

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AIR MAIL SERVICES
Air Mail Services to Shanghai, Nanking, Tsingtau, Tientsin and Peking are temporarily suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London, 19th March.		
Straits and Holhow	Imperial Airways Plane	March 29.
Manila	Mulnam	March 30.
Salmon	Emp. of Japan	March 30.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London date 3rd March—and London Parcels—London date, 24th February.	Rawalpindi	March 30.
Calcutta and Straits	Tilawa	March 30.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuen Sang	March 30.
Salmon	Houtman	March 31.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 23rd March.		
Bangkok and Swatow	Imperial Airways Plane	March 31.
Japan	Kwelyang	March 31.
Japan and Shanghai	Nankin	March 31.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 25th March	Naldera	April 1.
Japan	Pan-American	April 2.
Australia and Manila	Africa Maru	April 2.
Japan and Shanghai	G.G. Paul Doumer	April 2.
Shanghai	Nellore	April 2.
Straits	Sphinx	April 2.
Japan and Shanghai	Conte Rosso	April 3.
Straits	Proteus	April 3.
Japan and Shanghai	Aeneas	April 3.
Straits	Calchas	April 4.
Tientsin	Yunnan	April 4.
Straits	Cremor	April 5.
Japan and Manila	Tjinegara	April 5.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle date, 12th March)	Pres. McKinley	April 6.
Straits	Boissevain	April 7.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 19th March)	Chengtu	April 7.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	April 7.
Amoy	Potsdam	April 7.
Japan	Shirata	April 7.
Japan and Shanghai	Taihybui	April 7.
Japan	Dakar Maru	April 8.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	April 8.
Japan	Kunishima Maru	April 8.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 11th March)	Pres. Pierce	April 8.
Straits	Kashima Maru	April 9.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Tuesday		
Bangkok via Swatow	Yingchow	Tues., Mar. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Tues., Mar. 29, 3 p.m.
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Chung On	Wed., Mar. 30, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed., Mar. 30, 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Jenn Laborde	Wed., Mar. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Haliphong	Canton	Wed., Mar. 30, 2 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweliin, C.N.A.C. Plane	K.P.O.	Wed., Mar. 30, 5 p.m.
Kwelyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service	Reg.	Wed., Mar. 30, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Wed., Mar. 31, 6 a.m.
Thursday		
Swatow and Shanghai	Kaying	Thurs., Mar. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Rawalpindi	Thurs., Mar. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Holhow	Mulnam	Thurs., Mar. 31, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 19th April and Europe via Siberia.	Emp. of Japan	Thurs., Mar. 31.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Thurs., Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Apr. 1, 9.15 a.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Apr. 1, 10 a.m.
Friday		
Tientsin	Chang On	Fri., Apr. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Japan	Yuensang	Fri., Apr. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane 19th April.	Nankin	Fri., Apr. 1.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Fri., Apr. 2, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Fri., Apr. 2, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, Naldera	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Apr. 1.
"East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 29th April.	Parcels	Fri., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Fri., Apr. 2, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Fri., Apr. 2, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Darwin, 6th April.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Apr. 2, 8 a.m.
	Reg.	Sat., Apr. 2, 9 a.m.
	Ord.	Sat., Apr. 2, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 10th April.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Apr. 2, 8 a.m.
	Reg.	Sat., Apr. 2, 9 a.m.
	Ord.	Sat., Apr. 2, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 12th April	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Apr. 2, 9.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Sat., Apr. 2, 10 a.m.
	Ord.	Sat., Apr. 2, 10 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Holhow	Sat., Apr. 2, 10.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhol and Haliphong	Klangsu	Sat., Apr. 2, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Africa Maru	Sat., Apr. 2, 2.30 p.m.	
South Africa.		
Air Mail for "France Orient Airways Service"—due Marseilles, 17th April.	Sphinx	Sat., Apr. 2.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Apr. 2, 4 p.m.
	Reg.	Sat., Apr. 2, 4.30 p.m.

LEADERS LEAVE HONGKONG

Fly To Hankow
At Week-End

It is understood that several prominent Chinese Government officials left Hongkong during the week-end by air for Hankow prior to the session of the Kuomintang which opens in Hankow next month.

They are said to include Mr. Iku Shi-yung, former Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo, General Liu Wen-tao, former Chinese Ambassador to Italy, Mr. Chen Kung-po, ex-Industrial Minister, Mr. Fu Mo-poh of the Central Bank of China, Mr. Tseng Taung-min, former Vice-Minister of Railways, and Mr. Andrew Lee, member of the Economic Reconstruction Council.

In view of recent alleged differences between the various parties in the Kuomintang, it is understood that these officials, who are delegates to the Council, have been recalled by General Chiang Kai-shek so that any existing differences may be straightened out before the session opens.

T. V. SOONG IN COLONY

Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of China arrived in Hongkong three days ago on a private visit.

An American news agency stated that Mr. Soong has assumed the Chairmanship of the Central Aviation Commission, according to International.

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GOVERNOR INSPECTS ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

A striking display of efficiency and enthusiasm was given by nearly 500 members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at an inspection by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, on the Naval Recreation Ground, Causeway Bay, yesterday.

A mimic air raid was staged before about 4,000 spectators who saw a vivid display of the work an organisation such as St. John would have to do in such an emergency.

His Excellency extolled the achievements of the Brigade and its officers and said its special problems were receiving consideration.

All seating accommodation on the ground had been taken long before 5 p.m. when the inspection was timed to commence, and the large enclosure was completely encircled—a striking tribute to the interest evinced in the movement and the spectacular displays put up by the Brigade in the past.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Commander E. B. C. Dicken, Col. M. S. Irwin, Surg.-Capt. G. D. G. Fergusson, Col. H. H. Blake, Hon. Dr. P. S. Seywyn-Clarke, Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Prof. W. I. Gerrard, Mr. D. J. Sloss and a contingent of officers of both sexes from the Chinese Army Red Cross establishment at Canton.

In charge of the parade was Mr. A. Morris, Director of Ambulance, and other officers present included: Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan, Corps Senior Surgeon; Mrs. R. Langley, in charge of the nursing detachment, Mr. J. Ralston, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. T. K. Chak, Mr. A. C. Arculli, District Officers; Dr. J. E. Dwyer, Dr. Arthur Woo, Dr. Ma Luk, Mr. Sze To-chung and Mr. Fung Ping-fan.

The Brigade marched on the field to the accompaniment of its band and was in position facing the saluting base when His Excellency arrived with his A.D.C., Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith.

His Excellency was received with the Royal Salute and was afterwards presented to the officers and the following members of the Finance Committee and Vice-Patrons: Messrs. Ho Kom-tong, Fung Kong-ung, Ngan Shing-kwan, Ip Lan-chuen, Ip Kwai-chung, Chan Man-chu, Tang Pak-kau and Sam Pak-ling.

His Excellency followed the Brigade following the ranks and meeting the officers in charge of the companies. No sooner had His Excellency taken his seat near the saluting base than the piece de resistance of the afternoon was delivered.

ATTACK FROM AIR

A crowd of actors gathered on the pitch and began to simulate the life of the ordinary street scene complete with vendors, hawkers and newspaper sellers. Suddenly a siren began to whir and a minute later, the sound of air craft was heard. An aeroplane of the Far East Flying School had been offered in the role of enemy and it suddenly appeared over the buildings and swooped low across the ground. The immediate stampede for air raid shelters had left a few careless ones still on the street and among these, the imaginary bombs did their work. The cries of the sufferers was a great tribute to their histrionic capabilities. The clanging of ambulances rushing on their traditional errands of mercy was heard through the bursting of some very realistic bombs, the "delayed action" of these being due to some lack of synchronisation which was easily ignored in the terrific noise.

Mustard gas was suspected and, to add to the confusion, a panic-stricken driver had knocked down two women.

Patients were treated to First Aid on the spot and taken to de-contamination stations where the trained staff gave them expert attention. These de-contaminating stations and First Aid Shelters were soon indicated clearly so that all patients could be taken there with dispatch.

Only respirators were worn since protective clothing could only be worn for a short time in an emergency and contact relays of workers would be necessary.

A demonstration of work was then given by representatives of each Division in different parts of the ground, broken legs, scalds, and head injuries being among the cases dealt with.

AWARDS PRESENTED

This concluded the demonstration and His Excellency then presented the following awards: Officer of the Order of the British Empire to Mr. Ip Kwai-chung; Long Service Medal to Ambulance Officers Chan Kang, Ng Sum-fook, Li Wai-hon, M. Y. Adal, A. K. Minu, Sergeants Chan Shiu-lun, Cheung Yan-sung, Chan Ping-hang, S. M. Rumlun and Lance Corporal Yeung Wing-fai.

Ambulance Divisions: Ralph's Shield, Mongkok; Savage Memorial Cup, Y.M.C.A. (Hongkong); Mok Cho Chuen Cup, Y.M.C.A. (Hongkong); Lau Chu-pak Duty Cup, Mongkok; Shu Fan Meritorious Service, King's College Old Boys' Division; Holyoak Attendance Cup, Railway Division; Wong Kwong-tin Vaccination Cup, Mongkok; Ho Fook (Inter Railway) Squad No. 6; Shen-ton Cup, Railway Division.

Nursing Divisions: Ho Kom-tong Nursing Shield, Y.M.C.A.; Edith Kotewall Shield, Victoria; Woo Wai-tak Duty Cup, King's College Nursing Division; Man Shuen Nursing Division.

Swimming: Ho Tung Life Saving Cup, King's College Old Boys' Division; Chater Challenge Shield, Ho Bros. Cup, Chan Chan-nam Cup, Nam Yeung Cup, Chinese Athletic Association Division.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

Sir Geoffrey said: It has been with a real sense of pleasure and privilege that I have carried out to-day my first Annual

Inspection of your ranks, and in addressing these few words to you this afternoon I feel very happy that I am able to begin by congratulating the Brigade on several grounds.

In the first place I do so on account of the strength in which you have turned up to-day and on the smart and steady bearing which you display; there could be no better incentive to further recruitment to the Brigade than the admirable inspiration which this Parade gives to its onlookers, and further recruitment of your ranks is a very desirable development; that is a point which I shall take an opportunity this afternoon to dwell upon shortly.

Secondly, I have to congratulate you very warmly on your highly creditable showing during the past year. As the hardworking Hon. Secretary of the Brigade observes in her Annual Report, which I have read with deep interest, 1937 was a memorable year in our history.

It would take much too long for me to make mention even of the principal features of that year's work. The Brigade work and I will not attempt to do so: let it suffice to say that abroad and at home, amid the arduous activities of the Coronation and the bewildering ruin wrought by the great typhoon and other disasters, the Hongkong Ambulance Brigade not merely sustained their fine reputation but earned new laurels.

But gratifying as is the well earned commendation which such services bring in their train, nevertheless I think that the greatest thrill which the Members and friends of the Brigade felt last year must have been to read the eulogistic report of the report of the Chief Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, in which Colonel Sleeman expressed his appreciation of the Hongkong Association and Brigade. I will quote one statement which he made:

WONDERFUL WORK

"Unquestionably, nowhere within the Empire is better First Aid and Ambulance work being done to-day than in Hongkong and the New Territories, and an epic could be written upon the wonderful work for humanity being done by those who represent the Order there."

Having regard to the immense experience of the writer of those words, one could not wish for higher praise; it makes one the happier therefore, to remind you that there are many other passages in Colonel Sleeman's report on the Hongkong Unit which are comparable to that one.

But the Chief Commissioner did not content himself with praising; his report teems with sound advice and it is essential to our future welfare that it be studied with earnest and willing eyes. This is not the occasion, of course, for a repetition of the many valuable suggestions which have been made, but I wish to touch on one important point, to which he directed attention.

That briefly is the prospect that the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Hongkong should be enlarged to a dimension which would, in the event of war, provide not only for the ambulance needs of the civil community but also—and this is of at least equal importance—for those of the fighting services.

The latter purpose has, as no doubt is well-known had local consideration already, but it is a very long way from fulfilment and a great deal of further organisation is necessary before that will be possible. Development on this scale would, I assume, entail the parallel growth of two divisions within the Brigade, one trained for military, the other for civil ambulance work.

THREE STEPS NECESSARY

The first step that is necessary towards this end is the estimation of the strengths, equipment and so forth, required for each purpose, happily a good deal of preliminary work has been done on that subject.

The second is to work out how many competent and fully trained men or in training, the Ambulance Brigade has to-day who in the event of war would be available for duty with the Brigade: I understand that our existing ranks contain a large number of 'key' men whose normal duties would effectively prevent them from turning out. The question is being investigated at the present time.

The third step is to set about getting the necessary balance of personnel; and obviously three main conditions must be fulfilled if we are to be successful at this stage. Firstly the basic organisation will have to be broadened; the magnificent progress of the Hongkong Ambulance Brigade has been due, an Colonel Sleeman points out, principally to the extreme generosity and the zealous energy and capacity of the Director of Ambulance, Mr. Alfred Morris, but everything has its limits and that is true of his almost superhuman activity; it follows that if the Hongkong Brigade is to grow to the extent envisaged he will have to have one or two devoted assistants can give him.

The second condition of success is the continued, indeed the amplified, goodwill of the whole community, European and Chinese. That goodwill can be shown in three ways; by coming forward in sufficient numbers to serve in the Brigade; by con-

TENSION IN AMOY

People Perturbed By
Rumours Of Trouble

Amoy, Mar. 29.

On Thursday a Japanese cruiser and a gunboat fired fifty shots at Tai Tim and Soo Tim, two small islands lying adjacent to Kimol and also at Oh Tow and Hoong Choo, two villages on the mainland.

One old woman was killed and a few houses demolished. On the two islands are the police, volunteers, and soldiers who previously garrisoned Kimol.

The trunk telephone line connecting Amoy with Foochow has been cut somewhere on this side of Chuan-chow. No connection with this city can be made. Many rumours are circulating and the people in the inland towns are said to be greatly perturbed. Families formerly resident in Amoy have returned to their villages. Arrivals here yesterday by the motor bus, stated that rumours from the interior were that Japanese troops had landed at Panton, a small town between Amoy and Foochow on the coast, but this is unconfirmed. The only certain thing is that no connection can be made with the interior.—Our Own Correspondent.

SHELLS AT CHINHAI

Ningpo, Mar. 28.

Two Japanese warships fired more than 10 shells at Chinhai, on the Chekiang coast, early this morning.—Central News.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

The market was quiet but steady, prices being well maintained.

The Manila market is reported to have been very quiet.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1,525
Bank of East Asia \$50
Union Insurance \$324
Construction \$12
H.K. Steamships \$164
Providents (Old) \$350
Providents (New) \$150
H.K. Lands 4% Deb \$100
Chinese Estates \$77
H.K. Tramways \$150
H.K. Electric (Old) \$7
Star Ferries \$84
China Lights \$1205
Construction \$150
Sandakan Lights \$144
Telephones (New) \$200
Telephones (Old) \$10
Cements \$175
Dairy Farms \$244
Watsons \$20
Sinceres \$220
Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$500
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 2½% pm.
Wallace Harpers \$12
Marimans (H.K.) 3/10

Sellers

H.K. Tramways \$15.55
Macao Electric \$18

Sales

Union Insurance \$330
H.K. Steamships \$107.77
H.K. K. Wm. Powell \$154/5
Providents \$103
Providents (New) \$160
H. & S. Hotels \$50/50
H.K. Tramways \$15.55
China Lights (Old) \$12.10/15
H.K. Electric \$205/80
Cements \$175
Dairy Farms \$25
Watsons \$270
Antamok \$25
Atoka \$20
Baguio Gold \$20
Benguet Concessions \$50
Coco Grove \$7
Consolidated Mines \$11
Demonstrations \$1
L. & L. \$10
Paracale Gumbas \$20
San Maurice \$104
Suyce Concessions \$104
United Paracales \$1

tributing to the funds of the Brigade: I by a genuinely friendly attitude towards the Brigade.

NEED FOR FUNDS

The last condition is the provision of sufficient funds. I have spoken of the great private munificence which hitherto has enabled the Ambulance Brigade to reach the pitch which we see demonstrated to-day: I trust that those springs, so far from drying up, will run with ever-growing flow. But I cannot conceal from myself that public funds will also have to find their share if the Hongkong Ambulance Brigade is to succeed in finding the services which I have outlined to-day.

So far as Hongkong goes, the Legislative Council, not I, makes provision of that nature and it would not be proper for me to go further to-day than to say that I, personally, do not think that its members will be backward in showing their goodwill.

I cannot, of course, in any way pledge the Imperial Government, but I think that it would be reasonable to approach them for financial help if the local Brigade is to train their stretcher-bearers and other personnel.

I have spoken at length on this subject because it is not only of importance, it is also instant; not that there is any reason to think that war is imminent but because the programme which I have outlined takes a lot of time and effort before it can be carried out; so the sooner we start on it, the better.

Members of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade in Hongkong. It only remains for me to renew my congratulations to you on your zeal and efficiency, which I feel confident will carry you forward into the future, and to wish you the very best of good luck into the forthcoming year.

Sabotage Plots Discovered

Four British Aircraft
Maliciously Damaged

London, Mar. 28.

The Air Ministry officially reveals a case of sabotage in the Fairey Aviation Company's factory at Stockport.

Four high speed battle bombers, built for the Royal Air Force, were maliciously damaged.

The official statement says that two electric cables on the planes were damaged by cutting with a sharp tool.

Investigations are being carried out by the police.—Reuter.

FLYING BOAT BASES

Batavia, Mar. 28.

The Netherlands Indies Government has decided to spend £18,000 in establishing flying-boat bases in the Netherlands East Indies in connection with the British Empire air route between Singapore and Australia.

Supplementary estimates in this connection will be submitted to the People's Council in Batavia to-day.—Reuter.

HEROIC JAPANESE

Spent Dying Hours Writing
Warning to Others

Tokyo, Mar. 28.

Wreckage of the plane which crashed on February 18, killing seven army personnel, including Major Jimuri, has been found.

Two of the Major's companions, who searched for help, eventually died. They spent five days writing across their maps, all available paper and also on the sides of the wings of the plane, giving detailed information of the air currents and other conditions in the mountains, in order to enable others to avoid similar accidents in the future.

They also wrote a last testament to their wives and children, despite the fact that their legs and shoulder blades were fractured.—United Press.

DAEDALUS TO-DAY

Imperial Airways Machine
May Bring More Mail

The Daedalus is expected in Hongkong this morning and as this is an extra trip to get back to schedule again, the machine may bring some mail with her. This would be delivered to-day as an extra mail.

Capt. R. G. Ballantyne, best known of Imperial Airways pilots in the Far East, is on his way home on leave. Capt. Ballantyne has the longest record of regular service on the Far East run of any of the company's pilots and, after flying over the Penang-Hongkong route for over a year, he had the job of surveying the present run between Bangkok and Hongkong.

Kailan Mine Area Calmer

Tientsin, Mar. 28.

After the outbreak of uncontrolled violence, in which the miners at Chaokochwang attacked the miners from Tangchichwang, the situation in the Kailan Mines is calmer.

The clash occasioned heavy casualties, including numerous killed. The staff of the administration were not molested and their property was undamaged. Essential services were maintained.—Reuter.

NORTHERN MINES

Puppet Official Signs
Contract in Peiping

Tientsin, Mar. 28.

Mr. Wang Keh-ming, Chairman of the Executive Council of the bogus Provisional Government, has signed an agreement with General Count Hsichih Terauchi, Commander of Japanese troops in North China, whereby Japan is given the exclusive rights to exploit mining resources including coal and iron and to embark on irrigation plans, communications and farming enterprises.

A 40,000-acre agricultural station is to be established in Chahar province. The agreement amounts to a sale of all economic rights in North China to Japan and a Sino-Japanese Economic Association will be formed to carry out this exploitation.—International.

AIR FRANCE PLANE

New Machine Sets Up London-Paris Service Record

Paris, Mar. 27.

The first machine of the new Air France fleet was used on the Paris-London service to-day and made a record flight from Croydon to Paris in 57 minutes.

The machine left Croydon at 9.32 a.m. and landed at Le Bourget at 10.29 a.m., covering 202 miles at an average speed of 213 miles an hour.—Reuter.

FASTER PLANES

R.A.F. Chiefs Hope to Better
408 m.p.h. Dash This Year

R.A.F. chiefs hope this summer to beat by nearly 100 miles an hour the 408 m.p.h. dash by an Air Force fighter plane some weeks ago from Edinburgh to London.

The machine selected for the 500 m.p.h. attempt is the tiny 1,050-horse-power Supermarine Spitfire single-seater fighter.

Secret top speed of the Spitfire is admittedly not 500 m.p.h. It will need tail winds for the 327-mile Edinburgh-London sprint in 39 minutes.

The Spitfire is the R.A.F.'s newest fighter, has been chosen to make an official attempt on the world land machine speed record of 379 miles an hour set up by Germany.

FORCED LANDINGS

Mishap to Naval Bombers
During Manoeuvres

Honolulu, Mar. 27.

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Steradent

made a forced landing off Waikiki to-day. Two accompanying patrol machines also landed, and the three taxied in the water to Pearl Harbor.

Nine patrol machines had been engaged throughout the morning in the Waikiki section during an intense rainstorm. They were forced to fly at an altitude of fifty feet or less, with visibility zero.

It is revealed that the bomber which was forced down yesterday sank and was towed into Pearl Harbor by an unnamed vessel. The crew are safe.—United Press.

PLANE OVER SARDINIA

French Machine Descends
In Flames

Rome, Mar. 27.

It is officially announced that a multi-engine French plane, flying over the coast of Sardinia on the night of March 26, descended in flames and all the crew perished.

An inquiry is being made to discover why the plane was flying over Italian territory at night.

It is learned from well-informed circles that the plane was a military one, with a crew of four.—Reuter.

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**NO CAUSE FOR
PESSIMISM**

There is a good deal of juggling about with currencies these days and the consequences are difficult to predict. It was foreseen, however, that the narrowing of China's exchange facilities, designed to protect the currency and the nation's reserves overseas, might actually induce the collapse of the dollar. And that collapse seemed perilously near to some yesterday when Shanghai commercial men were pessimistically talking of an eight-penny rate. Hongkong financial circles, it is learned, do not share this pessimism. In the first place, looking at the situation from a purely selfish angle, Shanghai's exchange misfortune will not necessarily do this Colony, or China, any appreciable amount of harm. In fact, in the long run, certain benefits may accrue to Hongkong business. In any event, we have the assurance of no less an authority than Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, chief manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, that Hongkong finances are safe and sound; and the Colonial Treasurer himself has no misgivings, knowing the solid position of the exchange fund. The boogie of a Hongkong dollar slump does not come into the picture, therefore.

As for the benefits which may result from China's currency troubles, let the North China currency position be considered. Northern traders do not want to have anything to do with the currency of the Peiping regime. At the moment much of the trade of those ports outside the jurisdiction of the Central Government is at a standstill. It is possible, indeed highly probable, that unless the currency situation is corrected they will endeavour to formulate a barter arrangement, selling their goods in Hongkong, and using the proceeds, Hongkong currency, to purchase in this market what they require. This would obviously be good for local business, though a barter system would take some time to adjust itself.

As for Hongkong and the South China trade, the same sort of situation could result if exchange uncertainties persist. But well-informed opinion is inclined to the belief that the Shanghai exchange situation will correct itself and that there will be no great discrepancy between the Shanghai and Hongkong dollar values.

One interesting construction which has been placed upon the Chinese Government's attitude in connection with exchange allotments in Shanghai is that the Central authorities have no wish to see Shanghai's trade thrive if the Japanese propose to retain the customs revenue. This is a wholly unofficial opinion, of course, and no more

WE had seen no land since leaving Hanoi, in French Indo-China. We flew at 13,000ft., above a calm sea of cloud which might as easily have concealed the neat little rectangular fields of England as the bewildering complication of winding dykes that mark the paddy fields of the East. The machine swung into a slow and cautious spiral and for ten minutes or so we descended through distorted and terrifying masses of vapour. Suddenly we came out below the "ceiling" and found we were only two or three hundred feet above the sea.

Half a mile beyond us lay a cruiser at anchor, and our machine banked abruptly—she was probably Japanese, and it might not be advisable to go too near her despite the Union Jacks painted on our wings.

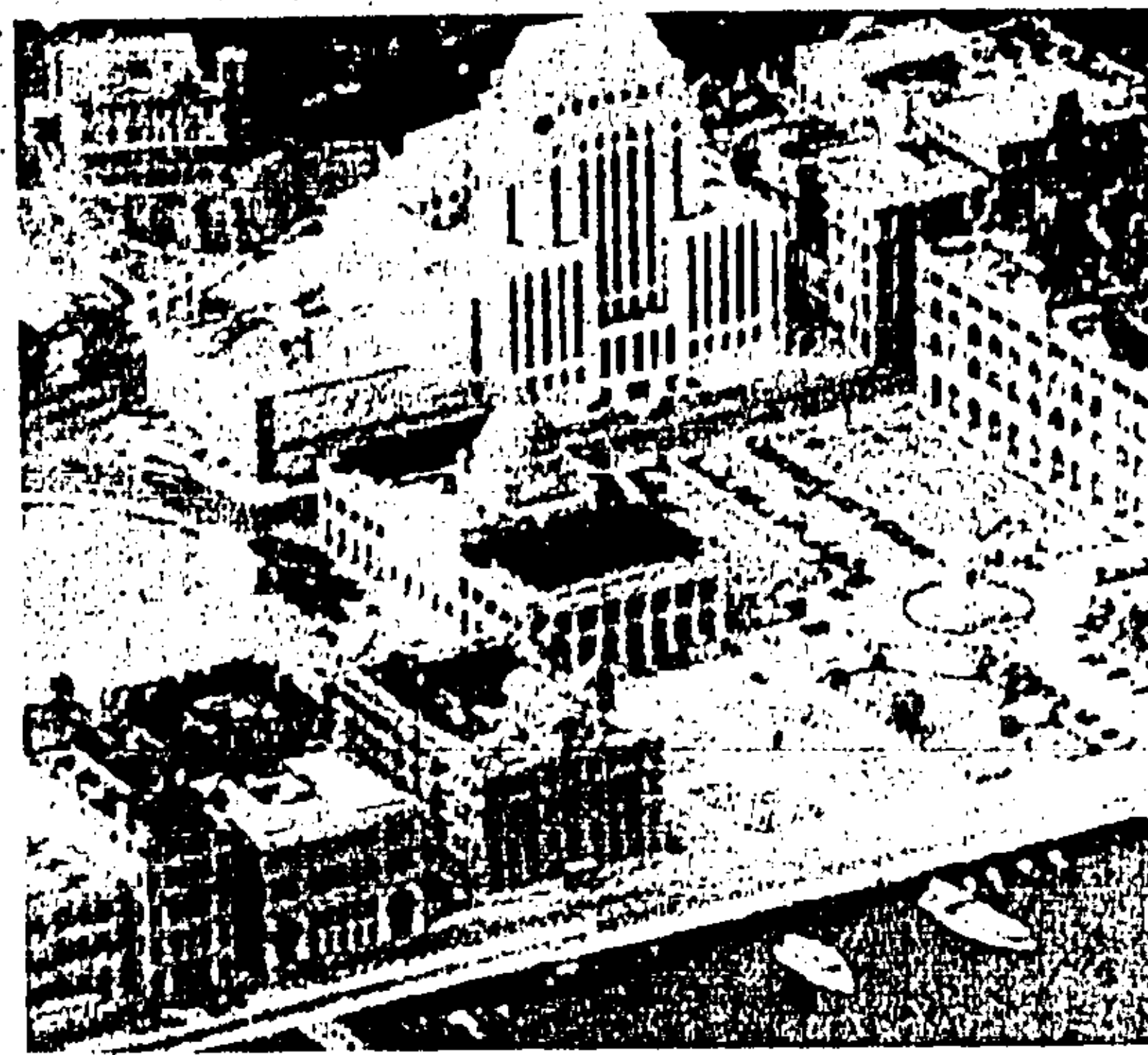
A few fishing junks sailed to and fro well within the three-mile limit of territorial waters. Their rather Dutch rig made them look out of place against the hills of Hongkong island, for these hills and bays reminded one vividly of the mountains and lochs of the West coast of Scotland.

WE passed over lovely creeks and came out above a wide channel flanked by steep hills covered with a jumble of houses. The machine landed and taxied us up to the side of a smart white aeroplane with a large red cross painted on her sides—so elegant a gift or purchase from abroad, but so much less useful than the stretchers and cheap blankets which might give a decent proportion of the wounded a chance of recovery.

And in any case these Red Cross machines are not allowed to leave the colony until they have given the maximum of guarantees that they will not be used for fighting or bombing—other machines are not assembled in Hongkong at all, but must wait until Japan's own flagships and a destroyer or two aeroplanes pause long enough to flying British, French or American colours; dirty old tramp craters by water or rail to Can-

VERNON BARTLETT

LONDON "NEWS CHRONICLE" REPRESENTATIVE RECENTLY IN HONGKONG, GIVES HIS FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THIS COLONY



ARRIVAL AT

**HONG
KONG**

from its beautiful hinterland and the much bombed road and railway that lead you on into China is fantastic.

On my first Sunday I sat writing in a garden a mile or two away from the Chinese frontier. On my left was a tee of the golf course with its pleasant click as each player drove off it; on my right was the low rumble of explosions as the Japanese tried to destroy the railway which is one of China's most valuable lifelines in this war that Tokyo still calls an "incident."

A little way up the hill stands Government House, around which life revolves far more obviously than it revolves round Buckingham Palace and Westminster. His Excellency—"H.E." for short—in a British colony probably wields more power than the King he represents, and the good qualities or shortcomings of past Governors are remembered as the good or evil deeds of past monarchs are recorded in children's story books.

NEAR Government

House are some barracks where a dozen men were at bugle practice, and I hurried down the hill again to the bewilderingly crowded streets and alleys of the Chinese town. Barefooted men, jog-trotting along with terrific burdens on each end of a bamboo stick across their shoulders. Women with their babies tied pick-a-back so that they do not interfere with work.

A barber busy shaving an old man at a street corner. Women in lovely ankle-long silk dresses slit up the sides or in coarse black jackets and trousers rolled up far above their knees in rainy and muddy weather. Open-fronted shops, crowded with anything from gorgeous coffins to flat dried ducks of other unexpected foodstuffs.

I wandered round for a couple of hours collecting impressions and smells, and I gave it all up when, in the middle of this colourful jumble, I came across an ordinary round red English letter-box with the familiar G.R. monogram on it. Chinese laugh readily, but they must have wondered to see me laughing at this familiar pillar of British influence.

ton, in China proper.

Outside the aerodrome dozens of barelegged and barefooted men with rickshaws grunted to attract our attention. Most trembled with cold; a few still sweated from their last run. In all weathers they live in their rickshaws and they die very young.

The aerodrome is at Kowloon, on the mainland. In a few minutes we were on a steam ferry crossing to Hongkong.

Sampans, rowed as often by women or small children as by men, and still showing gay red strips of paper from Chinese New Year; junks with raised poops that remind you of the Spanish Armada; a British flag on a ship and a destroyer or two flying British, French or American colours; dirty old tramp steamers.

ALL the life of a big port against a background of tall Victorian office buildings with one startling white skyscraper—the new offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—and a villa-dotted mountainside that disappears into the clouds. At its top is the Peak, where the colony live with occasional days of blazing glory when the view compensates them for the weeks of mist.

The crowd on the waterfront was indescribable and noisy. The hotel lobby was dense with people clamouring vainly for rooms, gossiping about business or the forthcoming races and the affairs of the Colony. Occasionally somebody spoke about the war, but the contrast between the atmosphere of security in Hongkong and the Leased Territories which

These People Should Not Marry

"WE are going to be married in April, and I shall chuck my job."

Thus a young girl of mine who has the world, as you might say, at her feet and is giving up everything to marry a struggling young clerk in a small country town.

When she had finished her story she looked at me reproachfully. "Well, aren't you going to congratulate me?"

Career Wasted?

WAS I? I had to think for a moment. I had to think of that young woman's school career; wherein she showed so much promise that her family took the headmistress's advice and scraped her University fees out of their limited income.

I had to think of her progress at college; of her degree; of her flying start in the advertising world.

She has made a big success; in five years she came to the top. Her

than guess-work. Indeed, the whole future insofar as Shanghai's currency is concerned is very nebulous. If, as seems probable, the Central Government in China does not lack overseas credit, it is a comparatively simple matter to readjust the exchange situation by relaxing control, and allowing exchange transactions to the limit of legitimate business demands. In co-operation with the banks there would then be no difficulty in fixing the exchange rate. It all depends on China—and the extent of her resources. No-one knows what game she is playing. But it is reassuring to everyone who has her welfare at heart to know that her financial leaders are sound, that they are well-advised, and that their resources are enormous.

Says

Pamela Sidney

salary rose to £800 a year, plus bonuses. She was heading for a directorship.

She likes the money. She loves the job. She could, if she stayed, have all the kick of a really responsible post in a big business house. And she is giving it up.

"No," I said, "sorry to be tough. But I am not going to congratulate you. I think you're rather an ass."

There, in my view, men and women who are better without marriage; better without children.

Hackneyed

I SAY this at the risk of a storm of brickbats because I know it is true. Male or female, the selfish, brilliant, energetic, impatient person, who hates a home and never wants to settle down would make a most impossible parent.

Why should it always be assumed that every woman must look upon herself as not only qualified but destined for motherhood? There are scores of women who do not want marriage and who do not need it. Marriage versus career is an old argument. It is acknowledged as useless because marriage always wins. Why?

I am not thinking only of my friend in the advertising business. I am thinking of many women who were on their way to great things as doctors, lawyers, writers, architects, women who threw away their training and their ambition, who settled down to be wives. And I honestly refuse to join the general verdict; the verdict of my letter-writer. It is rubbish.

Just as we say, "It takes all sorts to make a world." "A blessed release," "A happy event," so we come out with the hackneyed, popular phrase, "A woman's place is the home."

"A woman." What woman? You? Me? That dim shape going past in a

bus? Lady Astor? A copper-coloured girl in Honolulu? A typist in New York City? An Eskimo?

Let us pull ourselves together. There is no such thing as "a woman," an average woman, equipped with average powers, average appearance, average emotions, average dreams.

There are only individual persons, sharply different, unaccountable, mysterious.

Other Callings

AND among these individual persons there are any number of characters who would benefit neither from marriage nor child-bearing. There is other work

to be done in the world. There is more to be discovered in medicine and science than has been discovered during the past two thousand years.

There are books to be written; houses to be built; home laws and international laws to be shaped from their present dismal state of chaos. There are the causes of peace and justice and education.

Women as well as men can get on with these jobs.

There are, let us remember, many women whose brains could be of more account than their bodies.

Let us, once and for all, free our minds of the worn-out sentimental nonsense which lumps the female population together in a brainless mass; which smiles fatuously on careers and achievements, which mouths at the news of every single woman, whatever her fame or her success, "What a pity she doesn't get married and settle down."

No, my friend. I am sorry, but I cannot give my congratulations on your engagement; on the untimely end of your career. I know that the rest of your acquaintances will; and maybe you won't miss mine.

"THE VERY IDEA"

**EDDIE KELLY DECIDES
ON LOCAL ANSCHLUSS**

By Eddie Kelly, Dictator

WHEN THE AUSTRIAN PLEBISCITE IS HELD ON APRIL 10, 60,000,000 GERMANS WILL VOTE WITH THE AUSTRIANS ON THE QUESTION OF INDEPENDENCE.

This is a brilliant idea. We wish we had thought of it earlier.

It has possibilities that could easily be introduced to Hong-

kong. Six hundred thousand coolies are just dying for the privilege of participating in the election of the Committee of the Hongkong Club.

We have a lot of friends who believe with us that Sir Vandeleur Grayburn should show a bit of co-operation in arranging financial ramifications of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

As a matter of fact, there's no reason why we shouldn't follow the German example and all become members of the dozens of Boards of Directors in Hongkong, each of us, of course, drawing the usual director's fees.

We could start with the Hongkong Brewery and decide to lower the price of beer to five cents.

Everyone who signs chits at the Hotels could automatically become Directors and, as such, decide that the chits were bad debts, anyway, and wipe them off.

His Excellency the Governor would find a lot of expert advice available from the 1,250,000 new members of the Legislative Council who would automatically become representatives of the people if our idea is brought into force.

No need to stop at Hongkong. A simple remedy for China in the pro-

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REMARKABLE STORY BY MAN WHO KNEW HERR HITLER

History Of The German Nazi Told In New London Book

A REMARKABLE ACCOUNT OF THE RISE OF THE NAZI PARTY FROM ITS EARLY DAYS, AND VIVID FIRST-HAND PORTRAITS OF HITLER AND OTHER LEADING NAZIS, BEFORE AND AFTER THEY CAME TO POWER, ARE CONTAINED IN KURT G. W. LUDECKE'S "I KNEW HITLER" (JARROLD'S, 10S. 6), PUBLISHED RECENTLY.

The author joined the Nazi party in 1922. From then until he escaped from a German prison to America in 1934 he saw much of Hitler, and was entrusted with such tasks as conducting a Nazi Press bureau in Washington and acting as the Fuehrer's envoy to Mussolini.

Eight months' imprisonment in a concentration camp, during which the author states that he saw—and to some extent suffered—the most appalling brutalities, must have made it difficult for him to retain complete objectivity towards Hitler and his regime.

German "Warships" Fly Red Ensign

Edinburgh. The German fleet, scuttled at Scapa Flow in June 1919 is sailing the seas again, but under the Red Ensign.

German battleships scuttled at Scapa Flow are helping to build the new units of the British Navy.

Messrs. Cox and Danks started salvaging the sunken German fleet in August 1924 and in nine years raised 30 vessels, which were broken up at Rosyth and sold as scrap metal.

It was this scrap metal which helped build the Queen Mary and her grand sister ship 552, which it was recently announced is to be christened Queen Elizabeth.

Then Messrs. Cox and Danks sold the business Metal Industries of Glasgow, the firm which up to then had been breaking up the salvaged vessels. Messrs. Cox and Danks had lost £10,000, according to a statement made by Mr. E. F. E. Cox, at a meeting.

He said that the firm got £70,000 for the Hindenburg, the 28,000-ton battleship raised in July 1930, which only covered his expenses.

At the time of the sale, 13 vessels still remained on the seabed waiting to be salvaged. Metal Industries Ltd. immediately resumed suspended operations and in April of 1937, the flagship of Admiral von Reuter, Friedrich der Grosse was brought up and towed to Rosyth for breaking up.

HELP REARMAMENT Scrap metal from this mighty battle-cruiser will probably go to help Britain's rearmament, as will the United States liner Leviathan which is to be broken up by the same firm.

One hundred workmen and ten specially trained divers are busy on the task of raising another battleship, the Grouss Kurfurst, scrap from which will also help manufacture cannons and warships included in Britain's building programme.

Work on the Grouss Kurfurst has continued despite rough weather and the bitter winter. The only break was for Christmas and the New Year.

Although eight big ships still lie on the sea bed, including the Grouss Kurfurst it is feared that it will be impossible to raise four of them. Most of them lie at a depth of about twenty or thirty fathoms.

The price of scrap metal, which Cox blamed for the fact that he did no more than clear his expenses on the Hindenburg and lost money over the whole of the nine years salvaging, has appreciated considerably as a result of Britain's rearmament.

Price of scrap metal has increased by about 50 per cent. but in England the price is below world market level, as a result of price control, operated by a co-operative of big scrap metal firms. Price per ton in England at present is about £4.

This will make the Grouss Kurfurst worth about £100,000 when she is eventually raised and towed to Rosyth for breaking up. In the world market, she would be worth about £170,000.

When the Germans took the British by surprise in 1910 and scuttled their fleet before anything could be done to stop it sinking, they little thought that they were storing up metal for a rainy day—but for their former enemies.—United Press.

In assessing the latter part of the book, at any rate, due weight must be given to that fact. Herr Ludecke's present view of Germany may be gathered from the dedication of his book, which, in a pointed reference to the "purge" of June 30, 1934, he inscribes as "In memory of Capt. Ernst Roehm, Gregor Strasser, and many other Nazis who were betrayed, murdered and traduced in their graves."

"LIKE A SCOURGE"

When the author first met Hitler in 1922 his critical faculty was swept away. "I do not know how to describe the emotions that swept over me as I heard this man," he says. "His words were like a scourge."

He was introduced to him, "still perspiring, dishevelled, in his dirty trenchcoat, his hair plastered against his brow, his face pale, his nostrils distended."

"Next to Hitler, the man most impressive to me at that time was Capt. Roehm... He was a brilliant leader of men, an excellent officer, fearless and straightforward... he was of decisive importance to the Party, finding money, arms and men at the most critical times. Without him the Fuehrer could never have reached the Chancellery."

In 1922, a month before the Fascist "March on Rome," Ludecke was sent to Milan, as Hitler's envoy, to see Mussolini. Hitler's final instruction was the brutally direct, "Rip out of Mussolini whatever you can."

When Ludecke sounded Mussolini on his attitude towards the Germans in the South Tyrol (taken from Austria after the Great War), the Italian answered: "No discussion about that—ever!"

VIVID PORTRAITS OF LEADERS

GOEBBELS THE WIZARD Among Ludecke's portraits of Nazi leaders are the following: Goebbels: "His arrogant reserve and readiness were inspiring, a strain on any relationship; but when he spoke he revealed himself at once as a thinker."

Streicher: "The scourge of the Jews" agreeing to go on a three weeks' fast, but discovered on the third day "in a quiet restaurant tucked into an enormous omelette."

Goebbels: "On the platform he is a pure wizard. There, the only thing about him comes into play—his penetrating voice, a great, sometimes sonorous tone that emphasises his physical meagreness by contrast. When he opens his lips to orate, it is as if Niagara came pouring from an eye-dropper."

REARMAMENT PERILS

In September, 1932, Ludecke had an interview with Hitler in Berlin, six months before he came to power. The future of the Nazi movement and Germany's need of allies were discussed with frankness.

"Possible foreign complications give me headaches," said Hitler. "Can I fool these gentlemen abroad for any length of time? That's the question. What will Britain say, France, the United States, once I'm Chancellor?"

"Will I be able to rearm Germany before they get on to me and strike at me with a preventive war? That depends largely, I suppose, on whether they have the leadership and guts to strike—and if they can get the people to go to war again. And that I doubt!"

At the mention of Hindenburg, Hitler is quoted as saying: "I need Hindenburg—I need that feeble-minded old bull, that senile donkey... until I get strong—I'll be ready to strike before they know it, the fools! Austria will be the first fruit to drop into my lap; I'll settle things with Mussolini myself..."

During this interview the author "realised more clearly than ever this man's tremendous handicap in his complete ignorance of the English language; all ideas from that vast English-speaking world could reach him only at second-hand."

Hitler, pacing nervously up and down, said: "If Britain opposes a greater Germany at all costs—all right! I still think Mussolini might be interested in making Germany so strong that together we might force John Bull to his knees..."

NAZI PRISON CAMP CONDITIONS

"OLD MEN COLLAPSED" In 1934 Ludecke fell foul of Goering, who had him gaoled. He was released; but, disregarding Hitler's advice to go to Washington, he was arrested again and sent to prison in Brandenburg. There he encountered cruelties of the worst description.

"Relentlessly, insultingly, we were ordered about. Some of us had to clean up the filth... Jews were kneeling in the blazing sun and grubbing out the tufts of grass from between the stones with their teeth, goaded on by occasional kicks."

Prisoners were forced to do strenuous drill, although "among us were men old and ill. Every day men collapsed."

"An 'enemy of the State' whom I saw was an internationally-known Jew, the late anarchist and writer, Erich Muehsam. This hapless man had acted on the original but imprudent idea of sending his last will to the prison authorities, with the explicit statement that he was forgiving his murderers."

"Now his battered face looking out at me showed all the colours of the rainbow, a ghostly shadow in the grisly twilight of the dungeon."

"Granted that there were cases which called for bodily punishment by flogging, there was still no justification for torturing a helpless, exhausted and starving prisoner."

"Because of the reaction abroad—chiefly because of pressure by American and British Jewry, the Gestapo—Secret Police—finally issued strict orders forbidding the maltreatment of Jews. From then on our Jews fared much better."

Nevertheless, the author goes on to describe Jewish prisoners were forced to take part in degrading exhibitions and submit to indignities of the most revolting kind.

Eventually Ludecke was able to escape to Czechoslovakia, and via Switzerland, France and Canada, to the United States.

Empire Cables Cheaper Soon

Air Mail Competition Cheaper Empire cable rates are likely to be announced within the next few days.

The decision is the outcome of the agreement which has just been reached by the £24,000,000 Cable and Wireless Combine and the British and Empire Governments regarding the future of Empire communications.

While substantial reductions are expected in the ordinary rates, a special rate of 1d. or 1½d. a word may be fixed for news messages.

The pressure of air mail competition is partly responsible for the coming reductions.

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EMPIRE NEWS

MIGRATION SCHEME IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney. The Federal Ministry view with lukewarmness and even hostility the action of some Socialistic State Governments in formulating their own migration schemes. Ministers are going to London shortly for the Ottawa revision conference and will then consult the British Government.

Mr. Lyons's Cabinet has considered the details of all post-war immigration, including the percentages of South European arrivals. It does not expect the new scheme of assisted immigration from Britain to operate before the end of the year.

The scheme will probably be confined to children for the Fairbridge Farm Schools, youths for farm work, domestic servants, a small number of married farm workers, and selected artisans for the rapidly growing manufacturing industries.

Japanese Boycott.—The Australian Workers' Union, the largest individual trade union in Australia, has passed a resolution refusing to support the action of the waterside workers at several ports to load metals for Japan. The Union is of the opinion that the boycott should be internationally organised. Individual action by Australian unions could not be effective. Nevertheless, the conference of the Australian Federation of Women Voters to-day advocated a boycott of Japanese goods.

DEATH

NORONHA.—On Monday, March 28, 1938, at his residence, 31 Ashley Road, 1st floor, Kowloon, John Peter Noronha, aged 25 years. The Coroner will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

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TABLE MOUNTAIN SCENIC ROAD

Cape Town. The City Council propose to build a scenic motor road across the face of Table Mountain from the lower cableway station towards Groot Schuur.

By-Election Nomination.—The keenest interest is being taken in the contest for the United party nomination in the South Peninsula constituency. Mr. Sydney Waterson, the sitting M.P., is being opposed by Mr. Frank Solomon, the first man to run a commercial aviation concern in South Africa. Mr. Waterson is one of the youngest M.P.s. He is regarded as a candidate for the next Cabinet vacancy.

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RADIO BROADCAST

Recital from the Studio: Elizabeth Donaldson

STUDIO ORCHESTRA

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.N. on Frequencies of 845 k.c.s.: 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Kunz Revivals No. 2; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 3.

12.42 Nat Gonella & His Georgians. Blues In My Heart—Fox-Trot (Carter—Mills); Cocktail Swink—Fox-Trot (Fryman—Fagerlund—Conrad); Big Chief (Swing In)—Fox-Trot (From "The Joy Parade"); Goona—Fox-Trot (Young—Reser—Aho); Do-De-O-Doh—Fox-Trot (Formby); I Don't Like—Fox-Trot (From "Keep Fit").

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Charles Kullman (Tenor) with New Light Symphony Orchestra. The Waltzing Doll (Feldman); At Dawning (Caden); Orchestra; Lower. Come Back To Me (From "New Moon"); Rose Marie (From the film); Charles Kullman; Monastery Bells (Wely); The Mill In The Forest (Ellenberg); Orchestra; Serenade (Ravin's Serenade—words, Lockton); Charles Kullman; Jazz Nocturne (My Silent Love—Sussie); Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Rotary Tiffin Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: Sir Henry Pollock. Subject: "Some Legal Anecdotes."

2.15 Close Down.

2.30-7.0 Chinese Programme.

7.0 Dance & Variety Programme. Dance Band—Don't Forget The Old Folks At Home (Noel, Pelosi); The House With The Little Green Tiles (Beamsish, Stanley); Dilly Cotton And His Band with vocal chorus; Vocal—"Venus In Silk"—Vocal Selection.—New Mayfair Orchestra with Heila Tones & Jan Van Der Gucht (Vocalists); Organ Solo—Dixon Hits No. 18; Reginald Dixon, the famous Blackpool Organist; Humorous—1 Never Thought That She'd Do That To Me (Miller); Let's All Have A Charabanc Ride (Miller); Max Miller; Vocal—Waterlilies In The Moonlight (Pease, Rose, Stock); Roses In December (From "Life Of The Party"); Brian Lawrence with the Three Ginx and Rhythm Accompaniment.

7.35 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.40 Studio—A Recital by Elizabeth Donaldson (Contralto) Accompanied by Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).

L'Honneur Exquisite (Reynaldo Hahn); 2. Si Mes Vers Avalent Des Aloues (Reynaldo Hahn); 3. Il Est Doux, Il Est Bon (Mussenet); ...E. Donaldson; 4. Piano—Air de Ballet (Chaminade); ...L. A. Lafford; 5. Les Deux Roses (Hallett Gilberte); 6. Les Deux Baisers (Cecile Chaminade); ...E. Donaldson.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Sea Shanties and Choruses: Sea Shanties. Intro: "What shall we do with the Drunken Sailor? Shenandoah; Blow the Man Down; Bound for the Rio Grande; Whisky Johnny; Fire Down Below; Hullabaloo-Baloo; Billy Boy; Gerald and His Accordion Band and Male Chorus; Let's Have A Chorus. Intro: John Peel; A-hunting we will go;



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Schuschnigg To Be Tried

Charges Of False Plebiscite

Vienna, Mar. 28.

It is understood that Dr. Schuschnigg, former Chancellor of Austria, will be tried in connection with his attempt to hold a plebiscite, by the famous Leipzig criminal court, where the leading accused in the Reichstag fire were tried.

It is probable that an attempt will be made to give the proceedings the widest publicity.

Dr. Schuschnigg will not only be accused of having intended to hold a false plebiscite, it is stated, but as Minister of Justice at the time of the trial of Otto Planetta, Nazi corporal, who was hanged for shooting Dr. Dollfuss, he will be regarded as being responsible for the alleged miscarriage of justice on that occasion.—Reuter Special.

CATHOLIC SUPPORT

Solemn Declaration By Austrian Bishops

Berlin, Mar. 27.

The Roman Catholic bishops of Austria, headed by Cardinal Innitzer, to-day issued a solemn declaration pledging support to the German Reich.

The declaration expressed the conviction that National-Socialism averted the danger of the all-destroying and godless Bolshevism.

The declaration, which was read in all churches, concludes: "On the day of the plebiscite we expect all faithful Christians to show a sense of debt to their race"—Reuter.

"Drink to me only," "Clementine," "Who Killed Cock Robin?" "Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond," "Columbia Vocal Gem Company with two Pianofortes, conducted by Charles Prentice."

8.15 London Relay—The Bishop Dreams.

By A. L. Phillips. Characters: The Bishop of Downchester; Janet, his sister; Henry Blunt, his twin brother; William, the butler; Mrs. Wilson, the housekeeper; Time: A week before any English Derby. The production by Howard Rose.

8.55 Studio—Studio Orchestra conducted by Lindsay A. Lafford.

1. Suite Orientale—(Francis Popy); (a) Les Bayaderes; (b) Au Bord du Gange; (c) Les Almees; (d) Patrouille; 2. Nocturne—(Tchaikowsky); 3. Minuetto Galante—(Ettore Pellegatti); 4. Valse—(L.O. et L'Argent)—(Lehar).

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass Baritone).

McPherson's Farewell (McCall); Deep Sea Mariner (McCall); Fishin' In The North Sea (Sternale-Bennett).

10.0 London Relay—The Old Folks At Home.

A programme in which we hope to bring back memories of popular melodies of yesterday. The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra; Leader, Leonard Hirsch; Conductor, Eric Fogg; Edward Reach (Tenor); Robert Hamilton (Pianoforte).

10.45 Dance Music. On His Arm (Clive Erard, Trafford, Ives); So Many Memories (Wooda); Jay Wilbur And His Band with vocal chorus; Orchestra—Sympathy—Waltz—Firefly; Auld To Dream—Fox-Trot (From "You can't have everything")....Roy Fox And His Orchestra. Vocal refrain by Barry Gray; Hawaiian Music—Goodnight My Love (From "Stowaway")....Roy Smeek And His Hawaiian Serenaders with vocal refrain.

11.0 Close Down.

SOUTHERN LANDING REPULSED

Canton, Mar. 28.

About 300 Japanese bluejackets from San Tsoo Island attempted to make a landing on Kan Mo, Chung-shan County, yesterday, but were repulsed by the garrison. Mo Kan was bombed severely before the attackers made an attempted landing, while the seven Japanese warships nearby also went into action.

Being frustrated in their attempt to occupy Kan Mo, the naval raiders, then occupied Tai Lam and Shid Lam Islands nearby for the second time. The islands were not defended and fell into the hands of the enemy without a struggle.

There are about 12 Japanese warships and one aircraft carrier in the vicinity of Chungshan county at present. San Tsoo, Ho Pao and Wang Chin Islands are now stored with plenty of arms and provisions, which will be used in future threats to the mainland. All the supplies were transported from Formosa.

Vernacular reports stated that a conference was held at Taihouku, 'ermosa, yesterday concerning military activities and intelligence work in South China. All agents active in this connection owing to the fact following the breakdown of the espionage system, climaxing in the execution of Miss Lu Suk-kuang (Lu Yu-chun) 18, on March 26. Her guilt and execution were publicly announced.

Local newspapers also stated that some Japanese warships are flying Chinese flags to inveigle fishing boats and Chinese vessels. No confirmation is possible, as no use can be served in this connection owing to the fact that the few remaining Chinese warships are not in the coast but are under shelter in the rivers.

Two Japanese seaplane carriers are still lurking in the vicinity of Chungshan, as during the raids to-day and yesterday more than 50 planes took part. That one of the carriers has left for Fukien is incorrect.—Special.

TATUNG SHELLED

Tsingyang, Mar. 28. Two Japanese warships in the Yangtze shelled Tatung on the south bank of the river yesterday. Scores of shells were fired but caused little damage to the Chinese positions there. The firing was dimly audible at Tsingyang.—Central News.

EDDIE KELLY DECIDES ON LOCAL ANSCHLUSS

(Continued from Page 5.) sent crisis would be for everyone to vote against an Anschluss with Japan.

England should be able to make certain of the cricket Ashes this season by allowing anyone to join the Board of Control and vote for a proposal that Bradman should be forced to bat with his left foot over his ear and his right arm touching his toes, it being hardly likely that the Australian Board of Control could muster sufficient members to vote for a counter-proposal that the English bowlers should use ping-pong balls.

Really, there's no telling where this will stop. We can foresee—But wait! What's this! Communism, by thunder! Mutiny!

The Theatricals and six kids have just formed a bloc to outvote us on the question of disposal of this month's salary!

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TSUI BROTHERS ENTER SEMI-FINALS OF DOUBLES

SPLENDID FORM IN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

GOSANO AND REMEDIOS FAR TOO INCONSISTENT

(By "Abc")

The sun made a brave attempt to shine yesterday afternoon, but failed dismally and the Colony Tennis Championships were resumed at the Hongkong Cricket Club in rather bleak weather. As a result of the recent rains, the courts were all on the soft side but had dried up sufficiently not to impede the players to any great extent.

Altogether four matches, two in the singles and two in the doubles, were decided in the open championships. Originally, one more singles tie, that between H. Owen Hughes and S. S. Hussain, was scheduled to be played as well, but again it was postponed: Hussain was indisposed.

For the first time during the current tournament, the stand court was utilised. The occasion was the quarter-final doubles encounter between Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yung-pui, the champions of 1936, and A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios, of the Club de Recreo. Giving the impression that they could have played better and the situation demanded it, the Tsuis won in straight sets by 6-2, 6-4.

Gosano and Remedios were not consistent enough to force the Chinese pair to remain on the same high level. They beat their opponents in several of the rallies, but on the whole they made far too many mistakes to worry the C.R.C. pair unduly.

WEAK OVERHEAD

The match was most entertaining when Gosano and Remedios were at their best at the net, especially when they were able to score with their forehand volley, which was their strongest point. In the other phases of play, however, they were weak; for instance when the Tsuis resorted to lobbing, neither Gosano nor Remedios was able to "kill". Nor were they any too sure in their backhand volleying.

Apart from a few sharp rallies, the Portuguese players failed to provide much opposition in the first set, which was won by the brothers with the loss of two games. An improvement was shown in the second set and Gosano and Remedios quickly went to a 3-1 lead. They were pulled back, however, and the Tsuis, winning four games in a row, established a 5-3 advantage before the end of the tenth game.

The surprise in the second doubles match was not because J. W. Leonard and George Choa won their encounter but because their opponents, F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang, put up such feeble resistance. Usually a very steady combination, Kwok and Liang were outplayed; they relied too much on defensive tactics which were of no avail against the fine placements of Leonard and Choa. Leonard played very steadily throughout.

LEE WAI-TONG THROUGH

Lee Wai-tong, the Chinese soccer idol, made further progress in the singles by overcoming a club-mate, Wong Shu-wing. It was a far more spirited affair than most people had expected the winner conceded only one game in two sets and showed splendid form in the process. In the remaining match of the day, W. Sander defeated J. A. H. Douglass by 6-2, 6-2.

Scores:

Doubles.—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yung-pui beat A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios, 6-2, 6-4; J. W. Leonard and G. Choa beat S. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok, 6-2, 6-2.

Singles.—Lee Wai-tong beat Wong Shu-wing, 6-1, 6-0; W. Sander beat J. A. H. Douglass, 6-2, 6-2.

To-day's Programme

Singles.—Long Ping-chi v. S. W. Liang; Paul Kong v. H. Kwok; J. A. H. Douglass v. W. Sander v. Tsui Wai-pui.

Doubles.—S. A. Burnham and W. C. Hung (stand court).

Club championships.—G. W. Sewell v. J. C. Pool; F. A. Pearce v. J. L. Smithe; Club handicap doubles.—E. J. Mitchell and L. S. Lloyd v. H. Owen Hughes and W. M. Barton.

Club handicap mixed doubles.—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. D. Wodehouse v. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Storey; F. V. Harrison and Miss D. Dodwell v. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Prior.

Badminton Titles Retained

Miss Declina Eardley and Bob Meise, holders of the women's singles and men's singles Shanghai Badminton titles, retained their championships at the C.S.F. last week. Miss Eardley beat Mrs. Burton in the final of the women's singles championship, winning with the greatest of ease by 11-1, 11-1 while Bob Meise beat A. C. Kew in the men's final by 14-17, 16-9 and 15-7.

In the final of the women's doubles, Miss Declina Eardley and Miss Des Courtils defeated Miss "Jimmy" Holwell and Mrs. Grestley by 15-8, 15-10.

ARMY SQUASH RACKETS

Rifle Brigade Beats Scots Greys

London, Mar. 2.

The Rifle Brigade, represented by Capt. A. C. Gore and F. A. V. Parker, beat the Royal Scots Grey (Major G. H. N. Todd and R. H. A. Gough-Calthorpe) in the final of the Army Rackets doubles championship at Prince's Club, London, yesterday, by 4 games to 2 (18-13, 15-6, 12-15, 6-15, 13-13, 15-9). This is their tenth win since the competition started again in 1920.

Major Todd was hardly in the same class as the other three, and was, perfectly legitimately, played on to by his opponents. He served well at times and played some good shots in the rallies, but was inclined to break down when pressed.

A great deal of work was, consequently, thrown on Gough-Calthorpe, who worked heroically, especially in the third and fourth games. Gore and Parker were a better balanced pair, though they could never afford to ease up.

THREW AWAY FIRST GAME

The Scots Greys should have won the first game, for they led 13-8, but Gore then got in and, finding his service made the score level at 13-all, and Parker then won all the five points in the set. The Scots Greys were ahead at 4-3 in the second game and level at 5-all. Runs of 4 each by Parker and Gore, who then served his hand out, made the game a certainty for the Rifle Brigade.

A closely fought third game saw the score level at 9-all. A 3 by Todd and 2 by Gough-Calthorpe, however, gave the Scots Greys a winning advantage, though Parker came along with a 3. The Rifle Brigade led 6-0 in the fourth game, but Gough-Calthorpe got in at 4-6 and went out for the game with a great run of 11.

The Scots Greys led 4-0 in the fifth, but Gore, serving well, made a run of 9 to lead 9-4. The Scots Greys drew up to 7-9, then Parker made 3, and the Rifle Brigade went ahead to 12-7. The electric light was then switched on, which seemed to suit Todd, who, with his best run of the match, a 4, gave the Scots Greys a 13-12 lead. Gore made one, the Scots Greys set 5, and Parker made all of them.

The losers made a good fight of it in the sixth game to 9-10, but Gough-Calthorpe's exertions were tiring him, and, playing hard on to Todd, the Rifle Brigade won the match without further loss.

Home Football

VALUABLE POINT DROPPED

Sheffield United Held To Draw

London, Mar. 28.

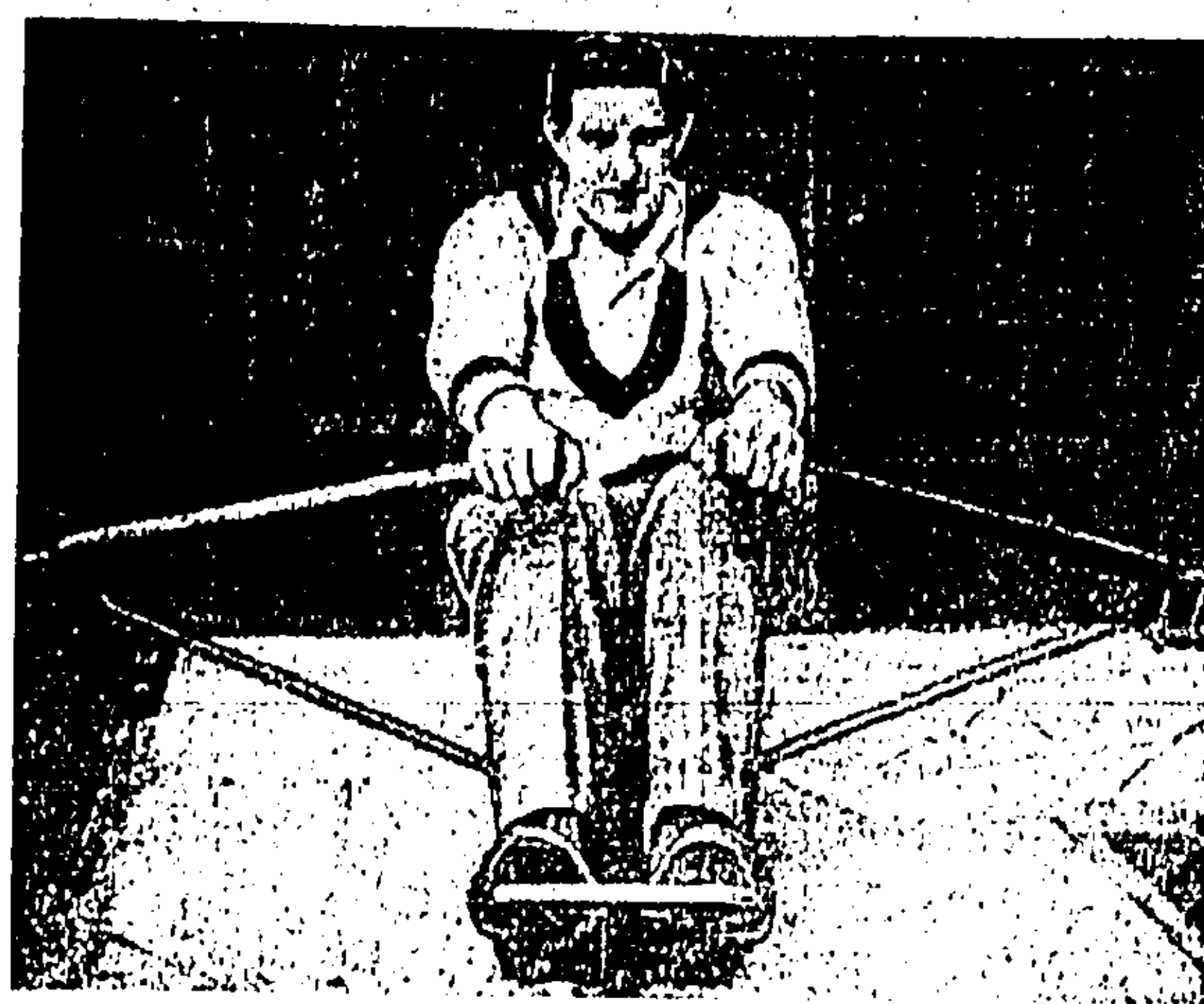
Sheffield United dropped a valuable point in the Second Division of the English Football League to-day. Playing at home against the lowly-placed Swansea, they were held to a draw of 1-1.

Though Sheffield United are leading, together with Manchester United, in this division by one point, Aston Villa have three matches in hand over them and two over Manchester U.—*Reuter*.

LEAGUE TABLE

The leading positions in the Second Division are:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Manchester U.	34	19	7	8	71	42	45
Sheffield U.	35	19	7	9	63	45	45
Aston Villa	32	19	0	7	55	27	44
Coventry	34	17	10	7	54	35	44



Arthur Fagg, Kent and England cricketer, who returned from Australia last year suffering from rheumatic fever and heart trouble, is now well enough to prepare for more cricket. Here he is at exercise on a rowing machine at his Tonbridge home.

Jake Kilrain Retains His Welter-Weight Title

By Vulcan

London, Feb. 22.

Jake Kilrain, the Scottish boxer, defending his British welter-weight title at Manchester last night for the first time since he won it in 1936, beat Jack Lord, of Bolton, on points.

After almost knocking out Lord in the ninth round, Kilrain won comfortably, in spite of the pluck of the challenger.

Without making excuses for a gallant failure, I would suggest that the task of getting down to the weight, in view of training difficulties caused by the death five days ago of his seven-month-old daughter, had as much to do as anything else with Lord's defeat.

I gave Lord only three of the fifteen rounds, with four of the others level. He was a good loser and his clean hitting with the left hand provided the only class boxing that I was able to discern in a "contest" that was hardly deserving of the word "nice." Many of the widely boomed "needle" fights have been much less keen than this.

Both men held far too often and Kilrain made himself unpopular by hitting on the break. Still, Kilrain was the better man; he hit harder, even if he did not box quite so well.

A perfect right to the face sent the Bolton boxer through the ropes in the ninth round. The referee counted eight while Lord lolled through the ropes and when he came back with his eyes glazed he seemed out on his feet, with a minute to go to the bell.

It was at this point that I thought Kilrain revealed his lack of real championship class. He missed his chance and a dazed Lord was able to bob about more by instinct than by any other quality and save himself until the bell came to his rescue.

Ernie Roderick, the Liverpool welter-weight, defeated Jimmy Purcell (Australia) on points over ten rounds.

Football Star Gives Up At 26

Although five doctors have certified him fit, Tom Caldwell, Swansea Town full-back, declares that he is incapable of playing football and the club have terminated his contract. Caldwell, who is 26, was considered to be one of the best defenders in the Second Division.

After a private trial game last August he developed synovitis of the knee and has since been subjected to tests by specialists at London, Newcastle, and Cardiff.

Caldwell told the *Sunday Dispatch* that he could not accept the opinion of the specialists and was not prepared to undergo an operation. Every time he kicked the ball, he said, he felt a pain in the knee.

Swansea Town, in view of the medical opinions, are satisfied that Caldwell is physically fit, and it is stated had offered him every inducement to return to the game.

"R. ABBIT'S" ARTICLE ON FRIDAY

"R. Abbit's" description of the play-off between the Indian R.V. and the Craigengower C.C. having appeared yesterday, the next article by this well-known cricket scribe will be published on Friday.

Cricket Shield Replay

The senior Shield cricket replay between Craigengower and the Indian Recreation Club, which was abandoned on Saturday owing to rain, will be played next Saturday on the Hongkong C.C. ground.

JACK HOBBS AND THE 8 BALL OVER

No Reason To Revise Views

In view of the trial which is being given to the eight ball over in the season of 1939 it is interesting to recall what Jack Hobbs said on returning from his 1924-25 trip to Australia:

"If I were a fast bowler I should be dead against it, because in my opinion it is all in favour of the batsman. The aversion that our own skipper (Arthur Gilligan) had to the Australian custom was shared in equal degree by Maurice Tate, Dick Tyldesley and Frank Woolley.

IN A CASUAL WAY

"Jack Gregory owned up to me that he bowled two out of the eight in a casual way, and I did not want him to tell me that—I found it out myself at the wicket. But those who suggest that bowlers saved up the best of their skill for the last two balls of the over were drawing a little on their imagination. It is not customary for bowlers who want wickets to let the batsmen know too much about their plan of campaign."

Now writes Ernie Thurgood, Jack Hobbs assured me that what he said in 1925 on the subject of the eight ball over he still adheres to today.

M. S. Nichols (Essex) thinks that the eight ball over should not prove a strain to fast bowlers if properly supported. If they had a batsman tied up the extra balls might best him, whereas additional deliveries might help him (when he was seeing the ball) to score a few more runs each over.

R. W. V. Robins (Middlesex captain) does not think that the eight ball over will make the slightest difference to slow-medium or slow bowlers. On the Australia tour he did not consider our fast bowlers felt any extra strain, but hours were shorter.

"Pot" Hendren (Everyman's cricketer) says the eight ball over saves time, and that was what the public required. They wanted their money's worth. Hendren's contention is supported by Sir Pelham Warner, who declared that a stop-watch test had shown a saving of 100 minutes per day. Voce and Larwood (Notts) oppose the eight ball over.

NEW SCORING PLAN

In reference to the newer method of championship scoring Robins and Holmes each think that it will induce

GOAL IS MIGHTIER THAN THE TRY

International Evidence Points That Way

By Leo Munro

London, Mar. 1.

Goal-kicking is still the most important art in Rugby football. International evidence, at any rate, points that way.

Many people hold that the try is mightier than the goal. Well, let them study the championship table to date, on which the Scots are placed as the only country with a chance of winning the "triple crown."

Wales outscored Scotland by two tries to one. But a conversion and a penalty goal made the points tally 8-0 in favour of Scotland.

So to last Saturday, when Scotland and Ireland each collected four tries. There was, however, this difference—two conversions, one dropped goal, one penalty goal for Scotland, against just one conversion to increase the Irish score.

These figures convey a moral. It may be early to touch on Calcutta Cup match prospects, but, in view of Scottish goal-kicking strength, English supporters must take a lot of comfort as they think of marksmen Graham Parker.

SCORERS COMPARED

The Scotland v. Ireland match strengthened an old idea which seemed in danger of being shaken—the idea that wing three-quarters should do most of the try-scoring.

It worked out fairly well on Saturday. Forrest (2), Drummond, and Moran scored four of the eight tries. But it has not gone on copy-book lines, taking present-season international matches in general.

Try-scoring nowadays in such tests may depend more on opportunism than convention. The reason, perhaps, is that so many players, backs and winging forwards, swarm in mid-field to upset orthodox open attack. This may be right or wrong. The fact remains that forwards, not wing three-quarters, are top try-scorers, on aggregate, for the four international matches decided this season.

Most departments, indeed, had their moments. I work it out that nine tries were scored by forwards, seven (four of them in one match) by wing three-quarters, four by centres, four by stand-off halves, two by scrum halves.

The most successful player in this line was Welsh forward McCarley, with three tries.

MORE CHANGES

Defeat by Scotland led to another overhaul of the Irish team for the match against Wales, at Swansea next week.

Two new centres, Torrens—who has been tried as stand-off half—and McKibben, replace Bailey and McMahon, dropped, reluctantly we may feel sure, after being partners in eight consecutive internationals.

The other changes mean the recall of old caps, Boyle on the left wing, C. E. Beamish, Mayne, and Sayers in the pack.

Irish fans can be no more than modestly hopeful. Their country, barring further changes, will have called on twenty-five different players for three matches this season. Such chops and changes tell against team-work.

The half-backs, Morgan and Cromey, form the only department

left undisturbed throughout the tournament.

Yet Ireland deserve sympathy. If only their defence had been as strong as the attack. It seems bad luck to score twenty-eight points in two games and lose both.

Lawn Tennis

Kho Sin-kie Scores A Double

Miss Hoahing Beaten In Women's Final

By A. Wallis Myers

Nice, Feb. 28.

Through Kho Sin-kie, China won two South of France titles here to-day, but in the women's singles final Miss Hoahing was beaten by Miss Gracyn Wheeler, of California. Playing perfect tennis for two sets and rather loosely in the other two, Kho Sin-kie beat Ellmer by 6-1, 2-6, 6-0, 8-6, thus retaining the championship. His second victory was in the doubles with Brugnon, the holders beating Austin and Rogers, 6-2, 0-3, 2-6, 1-6, 6-2.

Brugnon found many openings for his famous forehand drive. Rogers is not a great volleyer, and, with Austin short of match practice, the pair did not shine in the first two sets. Brugnon then tired visibly and the Anglo-Irish couple squared the match, only to find Brugnon restored and Kho Sin-kie strong overhead in the final set.

Miss Wheeler's keen attacking game, with cunning drop-shots drawing her opponent forward, proved too much for the little Chinese girl. She made a fine effort in the first set after losing the first four games, but the Californian's pressure all round the court was too severe in the second set, and the diminutive Gem was overwhelmed.

Two recent convalescents, Mile. Jedrejowska and Mme. Mathieu, swept through the women's doubles final, conceding Mile. Welvers and Mile. St. Omer Roy only two games. Another surprising result was the defeat of King Gustav and Miss Scott in the final of the mixed doubles handicap. Their conquerors were Dr. Casserman, the King's physician, and Miss Greenless.

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CRICKET COMMISSION COLD-SHOULDERED

NO REDUCTION OF COUNTIES: NEW SCORE PLAN

London, Feb. 23.

Dealing at Lord's yesterday with the report of the M.C.C. Commission appointed last year to inquire into the financial and other problems of the county game the Advisory County Cricket Committee rejected the majority of its recommendations.

On the other hand, the committee decided that in 1939 the eight-ball over should be tried in first-class cricket, and this was not a recommendation of the Commission. Two of the most discussed recommendations turned down were: (1) That championship competitors be reduced from 17 to 15 and (2) a £20,000 Cricket Fund be established to help needy counties.

This would seem to indicate that the counties will now, according to previous custom, receive a share of the receipts of the last M.C.C. tour in Australia.

POOLING TURNED DOWN

Two other suggestions rejected yesterday included (1) the pooling of gates from matches between county and overseas teams, starting on Saturdays, with those of Wednesday starts; and (2) that no professional should accept invitation to tour overseas unless consent of M.C.C. be obtained.

Verdict of the Committee in relation to the latter was that as the professional was the servant of the county, the county authorities should decide the point.

The rejection of the registration scheme elicited this remark from an official of one of the poorer counties: "It is a pity they have not accepted. We don't mind a 12 months' qualification period, but two years is a bit too long."

He went on to urge that if a county could strengthen a side with imported talent it would benefit opponents because they would be given a more attractive game.

NEW SCORING SCHEME

The recommendation to revise the scoring scheme has been accepted. Points awarded to a side losing on first innings in an unfinished match are abolished and first innings points are available to a side which leads on first innings and are retained, even if that side loses match outright. Full regulations are:

(a) Should a match be finished, the winning side to score 12 points in the table.
(b) Should a match be finished and the scores be equal, each side to score six points.
(c) Should a match be finished, the side which leads on the first innings, if it does not win the match, to score four points.

(d) Should a match not be finished, the side which leads on the first innings to score four points.
(e) Should a match not be finished and the scores of the first innings be equal, each side to score two points.
(f) Should there be no play in a match, or no result on the first innings, that match shall not be included in the table of results.

(g) If in a three days' match there is no play on the first two days, the match shall be played under the laws for "one-day matches," except that, for the purpose of this competition, a side which gives the right of declaration "in a one-day match at any time," shall not apply, and the following words shall be substituted: "No side shall declare its first innings closed until it has batted for at least 60 minutes."

(h) For the purpose of deciding the Championship points gained shall be divided by the number of matches played, and the side which has the highest average shall be Champion County.

PREPARATION OF WICKETS

It was agreed that the preparation of wickets should not exceed what is required to make an interesting match, but this decision does not apply to Test matches.

Other recommendations supported concerned match regulations and the standardising of tea-interval, which normally will be two hours and five minutes after end of the lunch interval, thus equalising periods of play.

A bone of contention for years—the five-minutes' rule—has been abolished. This was a local arrangement, conflicting with the two minutes provided under Law 45, which says that only in the event of a wicket falling within two minutes of time shall a batsman be excused from going in.

ARMY BOXING CONTINUES

Novices Individual Championships

"Unbounded enthusiasm" best describes the fights last night in the middle and welter quarter-finals of the Army Novices Individual Championships at Murray Barracks. Two knock-outs, one technical, were registered, but in both cases, as in fact, even in all the other fights, the losers were accorded the slightly more generous applause for most plucky displays.

What was possibly the best bout of the evening was the welter fight between Trumpeter Robinson (R.A.) and Pte. McReady (R. Scots). McReady won mainly on the margin of points which he established in the first round. His vicious right had no terrors for Robinson, who, though taking the greater punishment, was the aggressor throughout. The final round found them toe-to-toe, from start to finish, and both had put so much into their bout that they appeared ready to fall through exhaustion. The closing blows, if they could be called such, would hardly have done a pat of butter.

Sergeant Hutchinson (R.C. of Sigs.) was about the most gallant boxer of all. He was almost "out" in the second round when the referee intervened. The first round started unfortunately for him when he ran into Pte. McEldin's (R. Scots) right. He was floored twice, but the second time was partly from tripping on the canvas. It was a gruelling fight, but he was still standing, but only just, when the fight was stopped.

Gunner Ross (R.A.), in the first welterweight bout, showed not the slightest hesitation in going for his opponent, but was unable to dodge hard right to the jaw and body and lost on points to Pte. Eaton (M'sex).

In the remaining welterweight match, Sapper Pepper (R.E.), was outpointed by Pte. Coleman (M'sex). Both showed a knowledge of defence, which carried them comfortably through the three rounds, but as Pepper's attack consisted of all swings, he left important openings whereby Coleman gathered the necessary points.

Middleweight Bout

Only two fights were decided in the middleweights. For medical reasons Pte. Howe (M'sex) conceded a walk-over to Cpl. Lane (M'sex), and Pte. Caut (M'sex) did likewise to Pte. Eaton. This latter boxer had already been successful in his welterweight bout earlier on.

L/Cpl. Harris (M'sex) beat Pte. Gibb (R. Scots) on points. The use of a good uppercut might have laid Gibb low early in the bout as his favourite method of attack was to crouch with falling arms. He did, however, make good use of his right in coming out of clinches, and more than once connected. It was amusing to hear a "sorry" for an unintentional low blow, and then in the next minute to see the apologetic endeavour to lay his opponent low.

The air suffered a lot in the final fight of the evening, wherein Gunner Franklin (R.A.) knocked out Pte. Sinton (M'sex). Wild blows seldom attained their mark, but when one did, Sinton was down, and was saved only by the gong. He did not last long in the second round, however, as he could not have fully recovered from his first knock-down, for the blow which terminated the bout was not particularly hard.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Individual Semi-finals
Lightweight.—Pte. Bankier (R. Scots) v. Pte. Chaffin (M'sex); Pte. Chaffin (M'sex) v. Pte. Lusham (M'sex).

Welterweight.—Pte. McEldin (R. Scots) v. Pte. Coleman (M'sex); Pte. McEldin (R. Scots) v. Pte. Eaton (M'sex).

Middleweight.—Cpl. Lane (M'sex) v. Spr. Spence (R.E.); L/Cpl. Harris (M'sex) v. Gnr. Franklin (R.A.).
Light-heavyweight.—Umdr. Page (R.A.) v. Pte. Foulkes (M'sex).

REFEREES MEET

The half-monthly meeting of the Referees' Association was held last night. Mr. H. Richards acted as Chairman in the absence of Mr. T. G. Stokes.

Apart from general business, many interesting field problems calling for quick decisions on the part of the referee were discussed.



Going over the score for an important song in RKO Radio's "Music for Madame." Joan Fontaine, Nathaniel Shilkret and Nino Martini are shown between scenes of the musical production. Shilkret is the musical director for the picture and Martini stars, with Joan Fontaine in the feminine lead. This picture opens soon at the Queen's Theatre.

Jock McAvoy Batters His Man Helpless

Jock McAvoy (Rochdale), British cruiser-weight champion, knocked out Jack Strongbow (West Hartlepool), in the sixth round at Belle Vue, Manchester, last month.

Mr. Syd Hulls, the matchmaker of Harringay, where Jock McAvoy defends his title against Les Harvey on March 23, was present, anxious that nothing in the way of injury should befall the British champion. Any chance that there might be a turn-up was quickly dispelled.

COUNT AFTER COUNT

It was more, a massacre than a fight. McAvoy gave 2st and a terrific amount of punishment to his opponent. Yet, seeing that he was down for eight, eight and nine as early as the second round, Strongbow can be said to have done well to have gone so far.

It was a good try-out for McAvoy, although in Harvey he will not have to meet such a mountain of flesh as his last night's opponent. All that could be said for Strongbow was that he fought gamely what was a losing battle almost from the first going.

Aldo Spadoli (Italy) beat Joe Connolly (Scotland), whose seconds threw in the towel in the second of a bout scheduled for ten rounds.

WOMEN'S TEAM RACE

A team race for women representing Civilians and the United Services held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday resulted in a win for the United Services 47 points to 20.

The start was made at 14.45 and the distance was eight miles.

Civilians			
Eve Gull	10.38.50 (Miss Padgett)	7	
Teal	10.36.40 (Miss Crawhall)	9	
True Blue	10.35.55 (Mrs. Stanton)	10	
Carpet	10.43.52 (Miss J. Smith)	11	
Jean	(Mrs. K. Trenchard Davis) D.N.F.		
	(Miss Whitman) D.N.F.		
Total		29	
United Services			
Artemis	10.35.54 (Mrs. Pattullo)	11	
Herald	10.42.53 (Mrs. P. P. P. P.)	12	
Redbank	10.44.53 (Miss King)	13	
Kittiwake	10.57.14 (Mrs. Dater)	14	
Painted Lady	10.41.35 (Mrs. Barry)	15	
La Linda	10.40.40 (Mrs. Gowing)	16	
Total		47	

BASEBALL STARTS

Applying Breaks Ankle Through Sliding

Los Angeles, March 27.

In the first practice match of the baseball season, the Chicago White Sox beat the Chicago Cubs by ten runs to nine. An accident marred the game when Luke Appling, the Whitesox infielder, broke his right ankle while sliding in.

Mr. Dykes, the manager, was almost in tears when the nature of the injury became known, and stated that Appling "would have had one of the best seasons for years." He said that he was sorry for his own as well as the team's sake.—United Press.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS

The Annual Athletic Meet of the Hongkong University will be held on the athletic ground Pokfulam, on Wednesday, April 13, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, has consented to distribute the prizes.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The distribution of prizes for cricket, tennis, bowls, and billiards will take place in conjunction with the Kowloon Cricket Club's annual concert which will be held on Saturday, April 16, at 9.15 p.m.

Hare Beaten In French Championships

Outclassed By Schroeder In Paris

Paris, Feb. 18.

Great Britain continued to do poorly when the French covered courts championships were resumed at the Coubertin Stadium here today, and the British hope of winning the men's singles when C. E. Hare was beaten in the quarter-finals by the Swede, K. Schroeder, who won by 6-1, 12-10, 6-1.

Except in the second set, which went to 22 games, Schroeder had no difficulty in out-maneuvring Hare. Schroeder, who won the British covered courts title in 1936 and lost it to H. W. Austin last year, was playing right up to his best form, and completely outclassed the Englishman, who was powerless against the machine-like accuracy of the Swedish player's volleys.

In other quarter-final matches C. Boussus defeated J. Jamin by 7-5, 6-3, 6-2, Y. Petra beat P. Feret by 2-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2, and B. Destremus beat J. Pallada, of Yugoslavia, by 12-14, 4-6, 6-2, 8-6, 6-1.

The finalists in the women's singles will be the holder, Mile. S. Pannetier, and Mme. A. Neufeld-Half, who are equal fourth in the French rankings. Mile. Pannetier beat Mile. J. Horner by 6-1, 6-3, in the semi-final, and Mme. Neufeld-Half beat Mile. J. Goldschmidt by 6-4, 9-7.

C. M. Jones (Great Britain) and Mile. J. Horner (France) beat an all-British pair, R. A. Shaves and Miss M. C. Scriven, by 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, in the quarter-finals of the mixed doubles.—Reuter.

HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club's 1st XI in a match against the officers of H.M.S. Medway at the Club ground at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30:

V. M. Benwell; J. E. Potter and E. V. Reed; G. Sommer, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; S. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divot (Capt.), B. I. Bickford and V. Bond.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Mar. 25	Mar. 27
Paris	163 3/4	164 1/4
Geneva	21.63 3/4	21.67 1/4
Berlin	12.37 1/2	12.38 1/2
Athens	5.47 1/2	5.47 1/2
Dan	9.4 1/2	9.4 1/2
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.40 1/2	19.40 1/2
Helsingfors	22.0 1/2	22.0 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/4	1/2 1/4
New York	4.95 1/2	4.95 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.96 1/2	8.96 1/2
Prague	142	152 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/2 1/4	1/2 1/4
Bombay	1/8 1/4	1/8 1/4
Montreal	4.98 1/2	4.98 1/2
Brussels	29.44	29.42
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	216	216
Bucharest	677 1/2	677 1/2
Montevideo	21 1/2	20 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot)	20 1/2	20 1/2
Silver (Forward)	20 1/2	20 1/2
War Loan	101 1/4	101 1/4

—British Wireless.

Mystery Telegram Stops Big Rugby Match

London, Feb. 27.

Who sent a mysterious telegram that robbed Dorset of the Rugby "match of the season" between Bournemouth and West Dorset yesterday?

The spectators who waited in vain, the West Dorset players who changed for nothing, and the Bournemouth players who were kept from the match—all would like to know.

For an hour the West Dorset side, ready to play, sat idle in the pavilion at their ground at Dorchester.

Then the match was abandoned, after only one of the Bournemouth players had arrived.

Later, the secretary of the Bournemouth Rugby Club, Mr. Vincent Morris, said that at about 1.20 p.m., just before the team was preparing to start for Dorchester, he received a telegram from Salisbury at his house, which read: "Ground closed. Cattle disease."

Mr. Morris added: "As I knew no Bournemouth club had a fixture at Salisbury, I concluded the wire referred to our match at Dorchester, as it was sent to me."

"I thought probably one of the West Dorset team might have been at Salisbury and sent the wire from there."

Mr. Morris immediately warned his team not to go, though one player went before the warning.

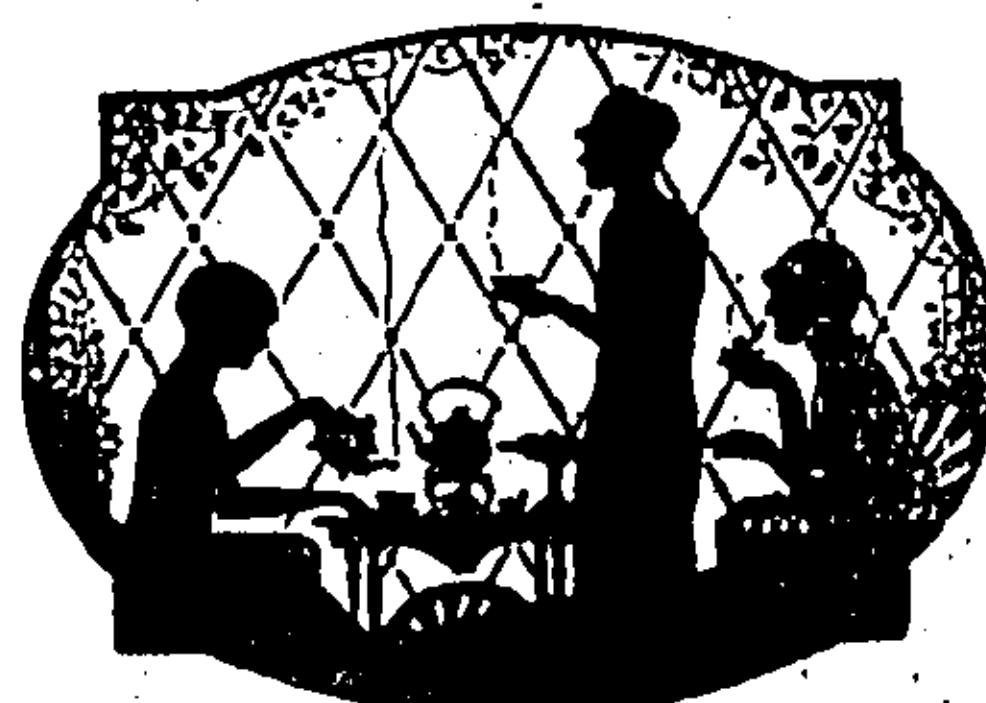
An Amateur

One who plays from plus 2 and wants 4 up when he plays me for £1, or more—

That was Henry Cotton's definition of an amateur in a speech at the Professional Golfers' Association dinner in London last month.

Since then he had seen a number of the West Dorset club members, and they had been unable to explain the telegram. The two clubs did meet last night, however—at supper at Wimborne.

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Chapter V

"Good evening, Your Imperial Highness—Excellency!"

The head waiter, in purple and gold lace, bowed low as Tatiana and Mikail entered the colourful meeting place of the White Russian refugees. Balalaikas blared—the waiters were resplendent in Cossack costumes—an entertainer was dancing with a dagger between his teeth and the guests sang, drank their vodka, and shattered their glasses with wild gusto.

Georges Dupont and his pretty sister Helene congratulated themselves on having found the right night-club and hurried toward Tatiana and Mikail who were surrounded by retainers and old friends. "Aren't you surprised to find us here?" Helene called excitedly. "I happened to hear—accidentally—that you were coming here and..." Georges finished her sentence, "And we've got a table for four."

In spite of interruptions Tatiana found time to dance with Georges who made puppy love to her, by saying, in the Russian he had learned from a book, "Je vous adore!" supposed to mean "I love you." Tatiana told him that the way he said it, it meant "little sick dog," and cut him to the quick by laughing outrageously. Helene's efforts to make love to Mikail were equally deplorable.

The excitement of the evening came when Mikail recognized and denounced a spy who tried to lure him to Gorotchenko—under the pretence that a dying friend had sent for him. As Mikail's words lashed out at the offender, Helene listened with growing sentimentality.

"Go back to Tovoravich Gorotchenko who sent you!" shouted Mikail as the man covered before him—"Tell him that you found us in good health and happy, and not over-enthusiastic about taking a trip to an unknown destination! He may seize me, but not my right hand... but not my signature!"

"Not a billion... not a million... not a thousand..." Tatiana chimed in. "Not a sou!" Mikail finished. "And now repeat it!" The spy did so as if he knew it was even then on his back. Then he departed in haste. The balalaikas ceased—the dancers danced—the glasses of the drinkers were shattered—and Helene and Georges left determined to keep from their parents their escapade, but to come again.

The next day both of the young Duponts continued their pursuit of the astonishing servants. Helene was helping Mikail set the table—Georges at the heels of Tatiana as she made the beds. "I am only happy, Tatiana, when I tip-toe down the stairs at night, and when you sing and deal the cards with those exquisite little hands!" Things were in quite a disturbing state when Papa Dupont arrived, reminding his son for rudeness and sent him to his room after which he all but declared his own feelings for Tatiana.

They were having eight impressive guests for dinner that night and Madame Dupont was giving Mikail and Tatiana their orders.

"Mikail—you are to serve the cocktails. If you will—Tina, my dear, you serve the Sukovskys. I've engaged an extra servant to be at the door and do the announcing."

"Yes, madame," said Tatiana. "Very good, madame," said Mikail. Madame Dupont went to her husband's side. "Have you spoken to them?" she asked softly. "About our guest of honour?" She called to Tatiana and Mikail, who were about to leave the room. They stopped. "I was about to speak about our honour guest..." he stammered.

"I appreciate the fact that your sympathies are with the cause of White Russia," "Yes, sir," answered Mikail, wondering.

"Naturally we... ah... understand your devotion to your former employers—the Prince and Princess."

"May they be blessed and preserved," murmured Tatiana devoutly. "But there are times when political differences are apt to be embarrassing... at the dinner to-night... there will be a number of important people... all people... international old people... French... English... Dutch... and my own."

"For goodness' sake, Charles, come to the point," Madame Dupont interrupted impatiently. "Our guest of honour to-night is to be the Soviet Commissar—Commissar Gorotchenko."

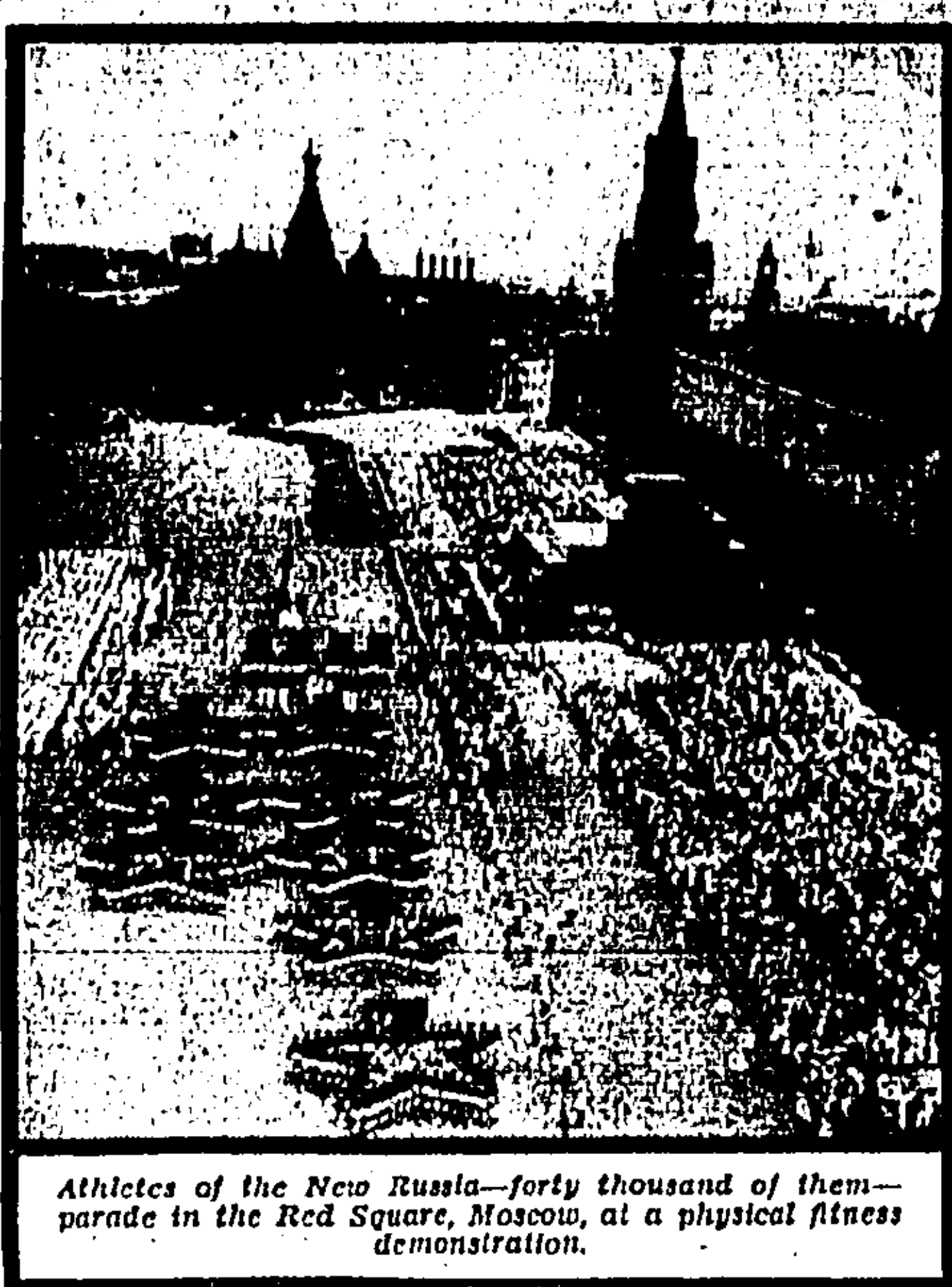
"You doubtless have heard of him...?" Mikail said he had. "I've never met the man," continued Madame, fondling Fifi. "I imagine he is pretty much of a boor, but we must do all we can to put him at his ease..."

"He is a most cultivated man, madame," said Mikail calmly, "with a very lively wit. It was he who composed that immortal sentence which was engraved on the door of the Loubanka Prison: 'Four walls for punishment are three too many.'"

"Well, Gorotchenko is representing oil interests..."

"He was not always in oil," said Mikail. "When he was chief of the investigating staff of the Tcheka, my former master, Prince Ouratoff, had some dealings with him. Yes, sir."

"Mikail yelled his bitterness well. During the interview Gorotchenko caused a lighted cigarette to be placed between the fingers of my master... caused the Grand Duchess Tatiana Petrovna to be brought from her prison cell... for torture... I believe Monsieur and Madame are not interested in bearing any more..."



Athletes of the New Russia—forty thousand of them—parade in the Red Square, Moscow, at a physical fitness demonstration.

NOVELS

MAYBE there is no fool like an old fool, but J. L. Hodson has written a rattling good yarn about one in Mr. Arkwright's Marriage (Gollancz, 7s. 6d.).

I was interested in Mr. Arkwright from the start. A widower and Lancashire to his watch-chain, he had a hundred thousand pounds "safely tucked away." Yet he lived like a retired bank-clerk, pottering round the house, playing violin duets with his old friend, Joe, and surveying the world with a knowledgeable air.

Then he went on a cruise and met the young, red-haired, green-eyed and dashing Kitty Donovan. He fell in love with her and, in due course, as I could have warned him, she took Mr. Arkwright for a ride. A slight story it entertained me to the end. Hearing the neighbours gossip ("There's more gets wet than does weel..."), I'm saying now, but he'll do it watchin'... nodding to them as they walked in and out, I fancied I was up at Blackpool for the day.

NO tonic wind blows through The Chute, by Albert Halper (Cassell, 8s. 6d.), though the pace is killing and the talk is loud.

For, this time, we are on the floor of a monster mail-order concern in Chicago, dodging the scoters and packers as they race up and down like madmen feeding the chute.

"Suddenly Paul stood rooted. Towering eighteen feet above him, the opening was immense, the biggest mouth on earth! Merchandise was pouring from it like lava, rushing into troughs."

"Mounted high on a wooden platform, a crew of ten separators was working desperately, diverting the flowing mass with wooden prongs. The packages, flying of their own weight from the chute-mouth, zoomed along the inclines at breakneck speed. A landslide was falling, a landslide of goods."

That's how the Middle Western farmers get their shirts and their overalls, their corduroys and their woollen stockings. And the Golden Rule Mail-Order Company sees that they get them on time, even if it has to employ boys on roller-skates to wheel the mail-bags along.

Mr. Halper, who was always worth watching, arrives with The Chute, a novel of industrial ruthlessness from that Land of Liberty where they spell ruthlessness with the largest of large Rs. It made me dizzy to look up from the pages. It'll get you, too.

IF you spent your working days acting in melodramas, would you come to talk like a heroine—or a villain—in your off-stage hours? Some of the characters in Louis Lynch d'Alton's novel, Rags and

says Mr. Peppercorn:

WHAT does a miser have at the back of his mind when he starts to scrape and save?

I've seen it said that it's the power that money gives that urges him on, but that gets him nowhere, as he doesn't use it.

If the idea is to have a good time for the last few years of his life, that gets him nowhere either, as he mustn't start too soon and so never starts at all.

It can't be that he wants other folk to envy him his wealth as he never lets on, and, the only thing you can be sure about is that what happens when he dies and others scoop the pool isn't what he intended.

said faintly, "that you are not going to think of any of those wretched things when you're serving the soup to-night."

"We shall be worthy of your trust, madame," said Mikail. (To be continued to-morrow.)

Which Way for Russia?

Review by Professor George Catlin

SIR WALTER CITRINE is like the man from Dundee. He wants to know why. We have here a new edition with important additions, at a price surprisingly cheap, of the record of his tour in Russia (A Search for Truth in Russia, Routledge, 3s. 6d.).

It is popularly written. It contains new facts that we want to know. It is a startlingly courageous book.

The last chapter is of especial interest. Remarkably fairly it reviews up to date, since 1935, the rise of production in Russia, the frequent rise of prices, the alleged conspiracy in the Army and the removal of the presidents of every one of the federated Republics, the facts that explain the present difficulty of negotiation between the Russian Trade Unions and the I.F.T.U. Citrine shows a Trade Union organiser's thoroughness. His facts have never been challenged. He asked the prices that workers had to pay for goods. I was in Russia, in 1935, for rather longer than the Webbs on their second tour. On looking over my notes, I find that the figures I took down almost exactly accord with Citrine's.

Citrine inquired into the housing—but not precisely the housing pointed out by Intourist.

He had been told that housing was particularly good in Baku. He had a look at shacks accommodating, not a few, but thousands. "The whole place looked vile," I said so.

Abstractions
"But this is what the millionaires let," Citrine says. "The millionaires are not operating the oil-fields now... Eighteen years after the Revolution they are still allowing you people to live here."

"You cannot get away from the fact that it is the Soviet's economic policy which has aggravated this situation. In your haste to develop your natural resources, you have left these wretched people to manage as best they can."

Briefly, Citrine's case is that Soviet Russia has become a Land of Abstractions behind the screen of which powerful men plot or develop a giant State economy.

The answer given, when Citrine asked for an explanation, was that the people must tighten their belts until the country could feel safe to resist the attack of its enemies, both economic and military.

It is important to allow for the vital fact that the Soviet Union is a military Power whose people have been brought up, day by day, to believe in the imminence of capitalist attack.

The Russian workers live amid the enthusiasm and difficulties of almost war-time conditions. Above all, they feel their land is their own. It was

Lenin who said that the Soviets had inherited a broken-down country.

Citrine, clearly and rightly points out that, in judging Russia, one must always decide whether one is comparing what has been made by the Soviets of this "broken-down country" with the outside Social Democratic world, or even capitalist world—or whether one is comparing Soviet Russia with the Tsardom that Henry Nevins describes in *Dawn in Russia*.

The advance beyond the conditions of Tsardom has been astounding.

We must go further. Western countries may learn to their benefit from the great U.S.S.R. experiment, e.g. in social insurance provision, especially accident insurance, in the plans for free medical attention in the Poly-clinics (not always in practice), in communal services for women and in provision for the care of young children.

Whither?

Citrine's new, final chapter bears on this issue: Whither the Soviet Union? Will Revolution devour her own children?

Even at the time of his famous interview, here described, with Tomskey, at one time chairman of the All-Union Council of Trade Unions, who committed suicide, Citrine was not happy about the way things were going.

A vast country is in the building. Will it be a free country? Citrine provides us with the facts up to date. "The Webbs have provided the blue-prints of the future—all for the workers." Citrine never for a minute forgets the existence of these plans.

This is the book of a man who has striven to keep his balances fair and his weights just. It is yet the book of a man who loathes totalitarianism.

He fights the battle of the human spirit against it, even when it displays itself in a system that has other aspirations.

Ponder This

However excused by its belief in the inevitability of war, Soviet Russia owes an immense responsibility to the workers' movement throughout the entire world. It cannot evade the obligation of Socialist criticism.

The rulers of Russia will do well to ponder, before pursuing their denunciation of Social Democracy, that these who profit by the emancipation of democracy are, in the last resort, the wreckers and enemies of the working class.

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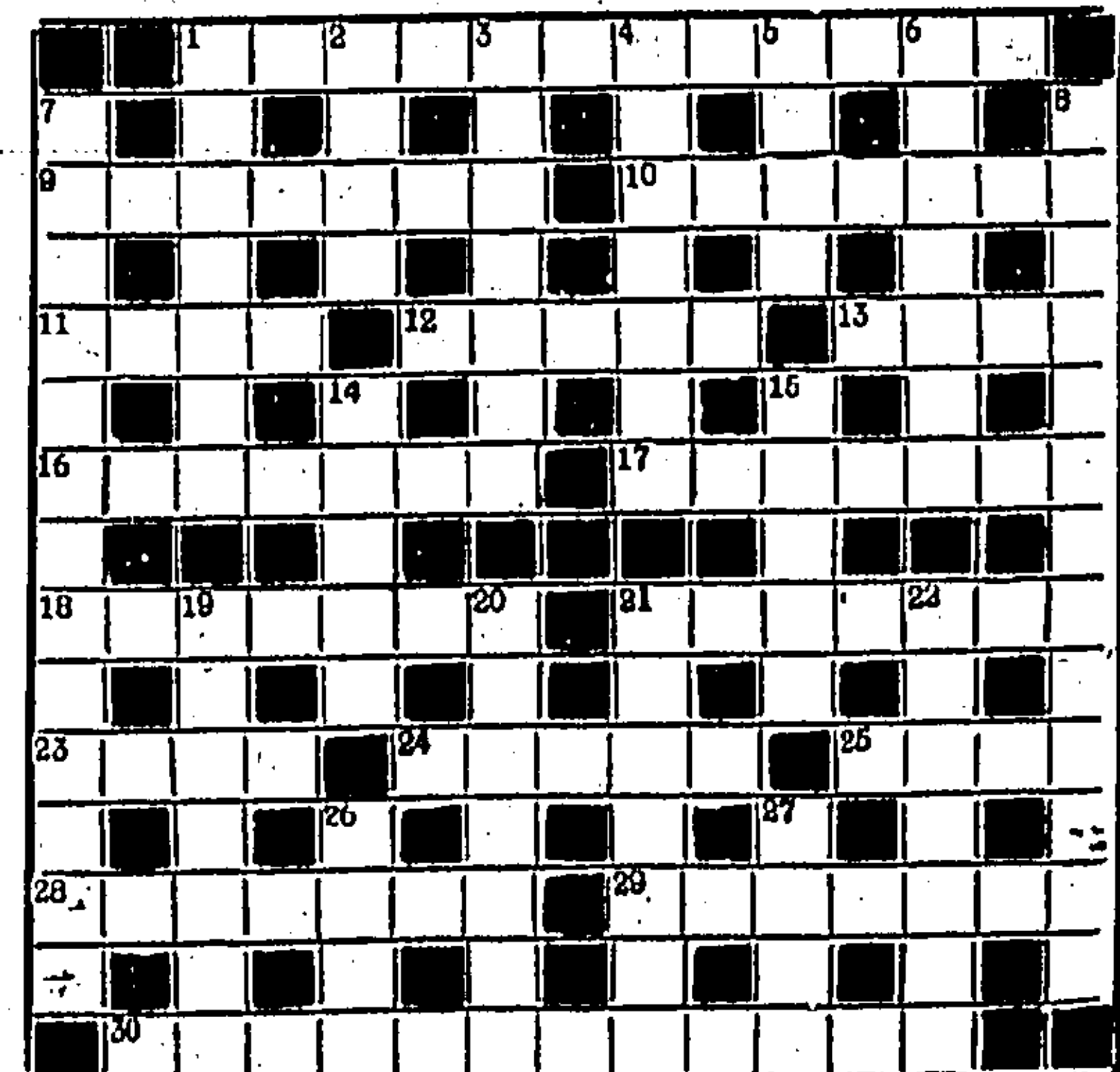
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ACROSS

- American visitors to London enjoy this part of a submarine (12).
- The god of the final air (7).
- A language (7).
- A man often tears up this in a hurry (4).
- This behemoth were this it would be a chestnut (5).
- This form of life is rather rough (4).
- Musical farewell to a vessel (7).
- He does not play to live, but lives to play (7).
- Debate (7).
- Colour receptacle used on washing day (two words—4, 3).
- One comes after this (4).
- The crew of this vessel are at home in a blow (5).
- A correction of a correction (4).
- The Eastern change is serious (7).
- He has set traps that have let many people down (7).
- "No sure prices" (anag.) (12).

DOWN

- If this tender lost his appropriate part he would be a murderer (7).
- This is indispensable in an announcer (4).
- A hindrance to getting things going (7).
- What animal is like a stream in part of India? (7).
- Displace (4).

- This structure might be an Eskimo one the latter part were used to make it (7).
- Epithet for a novel situation (12).
- A decomposed goat in burying causes enquiry (13).
- The shopper who gets more than this gets a bargain (5).
- Not very definitely, and mostly a shaky business (5).
- Punish (7).
- What the Arabs are is apparently not all pain (7).
- Heavenly sounds like a tip straight from the horses' mouths (7).
- If this cricketer lost heart he would become a servant (7).
- This tells you where to write the solution (4).
- This is mixed in 8 down (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

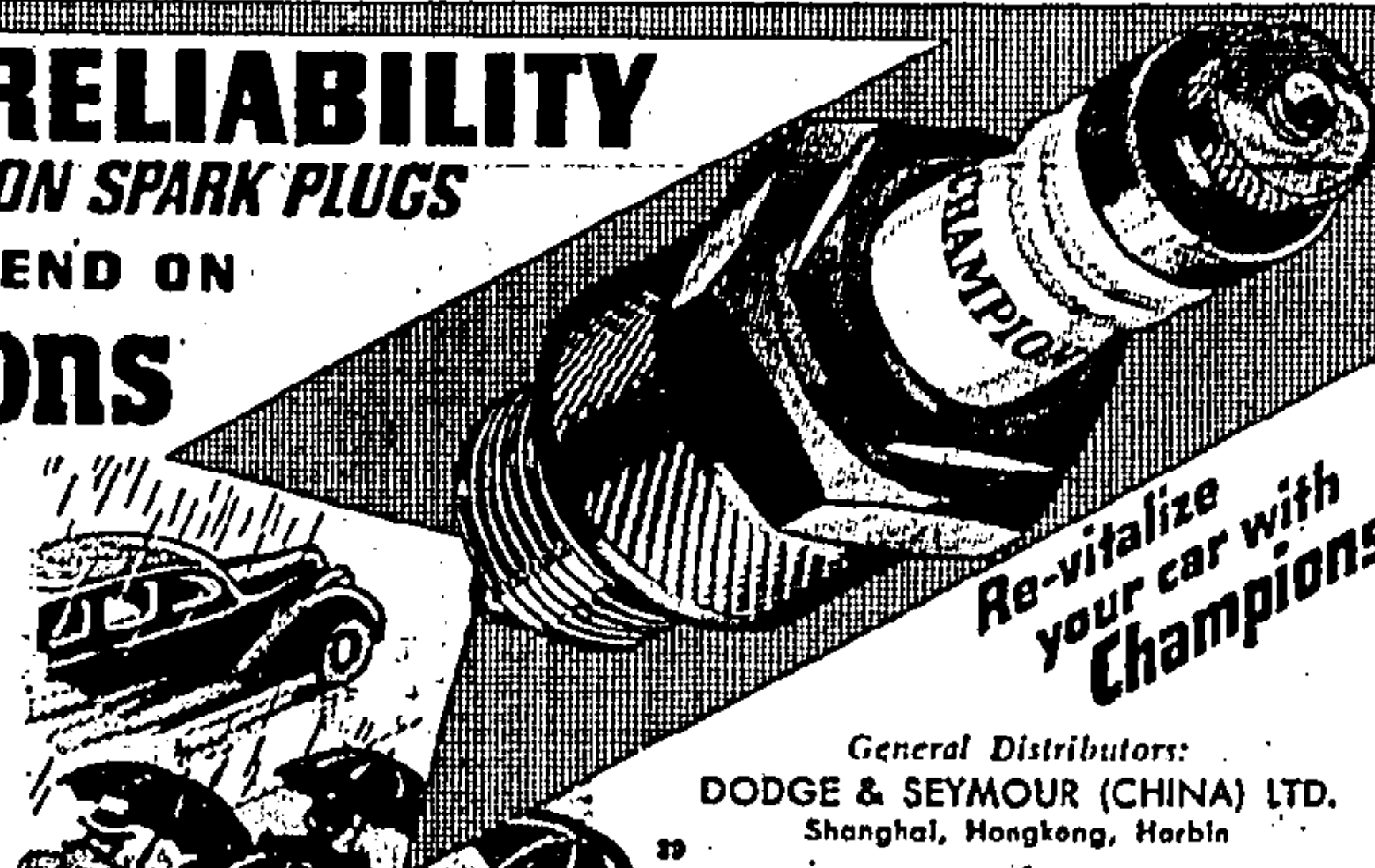
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PRINCESSES SEE SHAKESPEARE PLAY



AT MATINEE.—The Queen, with Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, leaving the Old Vic., after seeing the afternoon performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."



Fell At Last Fence

The final hurdle was one too many for Monk's Orchard in the Povey Chase at Gatwick, but its jockey, W. Redmond, made a perfect fall and was unhurt. Seven horses lined-up for the start, among them two Grand National entrants, but only four managed to run the two-mile course. The "National" horses finished first and second.



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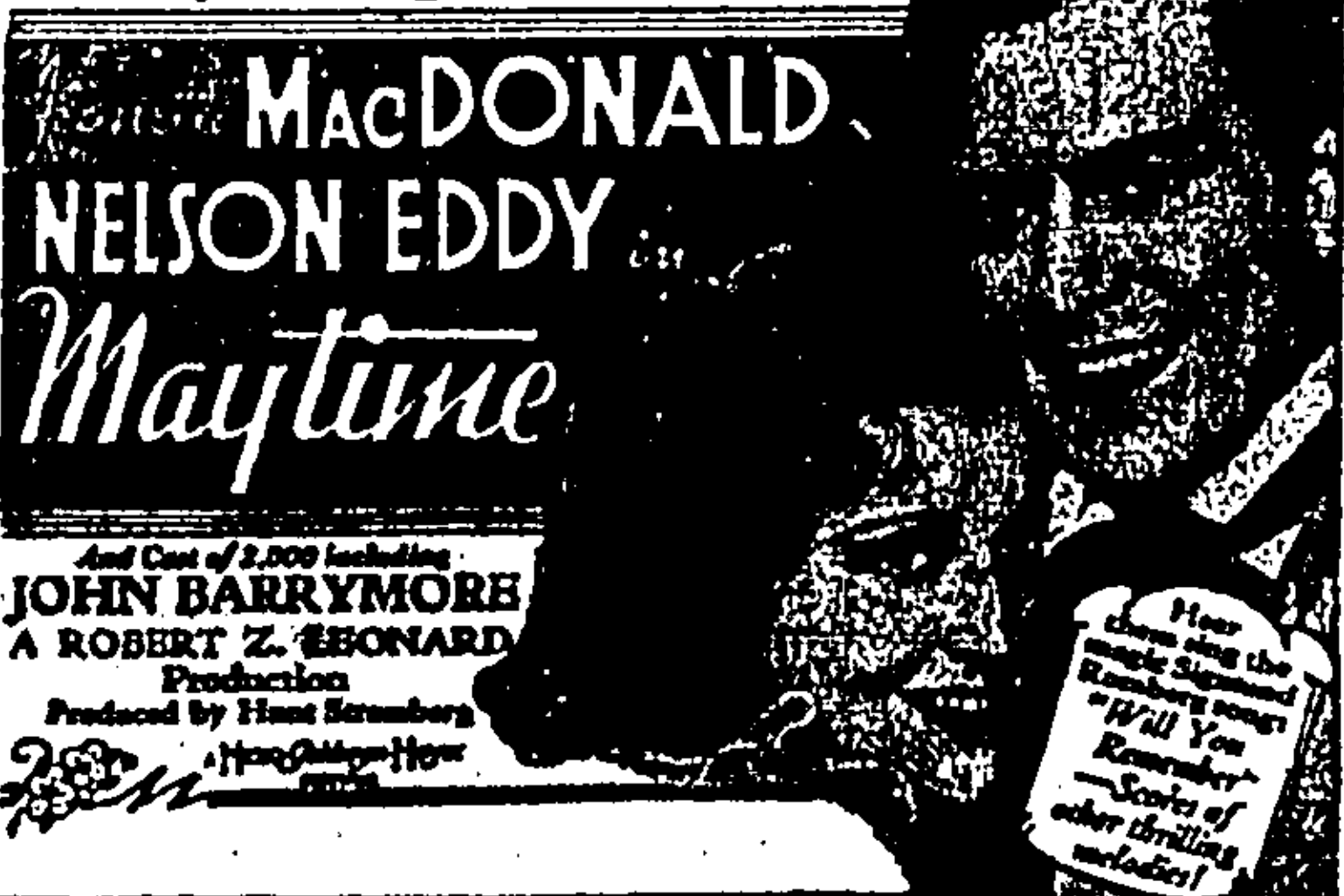
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Family Doctors Under A Cloud at Home

LORD HORDER ON BEST-SELLER THAT "DEGRADES" THEM

LORD HORDER fears that all is not well with the family doctor.

In a recent address, he declared that the family doctor was obstructed in his work, which was to some extent discredited, had lost caste, was discouraged, and felt insecure about his own future and the future of his profession.

But he was capable of being the most valuable member that society possessed.

Society was aware of this fact, and it was because the doctor stood so high in public esteem that when fiction degraded his standing the story quickly became a "best seller."

If co-ordination of medical services were to be achieved it could be done in one of two ways. The whole of the present services could be scrapped, and a State medical service substituted. Only "bloody revolution" and a restart from "scratch" would make such a thing possible.

"DEFEATISM"

The other way was by so moulding things as to integrate medical services in a practicable fashion. If the family doctor were left out of the picture these services would remain only partially used.

Lord Horder thinks the doctor must change his own attitude of defeatism, and instead of being suspicious of his colleagues, of officialdom, and even of his patients, must realise that he could have control of the situation. He should try to cater for his intelligent patients rather more than he did. In that way he would send the patent medicine monger out of business.

Language Of Cave Men

Words In Use To-day

By ROBERT L. SPENCER
United Press Staff Correspondent.

Palo Alto, Cal.

Figures of speech which were an integral part of the early cave man's simple language now occupy a prominent place in the modern vocabulary, according to William Hawley Davis, professor of English at Stanford University and editor of the *Stanford University Press*.

Davis said the cave men used such figures of speech as "backbiting," "back-scratching," "skinning alive," "girding up one's loins" and other similar expressions, much in use to-day.

Davis has a collection of nearly 3,000 figures of speech that are part of everyone's vocabulary.

"It is somewhat startling," he said, "to find that expressions related to physical combat, including war, which are embedded in our speech, amount to hundreds."

CITES "CUTTHROAT COMPETITION"

"Evidently," he continued, "the suffering, physical and mental, and the nervous tension as well as the glamour accompanying these things make them very forceful when used to convey related ideas, as in 'cutthroat competition' and 'tactical error'."

Davis said that existence on the cave man level is still very real to the average person. To the cave man, the exploits of a "bone of contention" or "bone of contention" and "cutthroat competition" meant more than they do to us; but we can still use each freely.

"Literally," he said, "the cave man 'wielded a big stick,' 'left no stone unturned,' 'kept an eye to the ground,' 'found a bird in the hand worth two in the bush' and 'killed two birds with one stone.' Whereas now these expressions are used figuratively."

"RED HANDED" ANOTHER ONE

Other expressions handed down from the cave men, according to Davis, are: "avoiding the dirty end of the stick," "caught culprits 'red-handed,'" or "cast something in someone's teeth."

"In a similar way people still employ a large number of figures deriving from horses. These include 'raring to go,' 'prick up his ears,' 'bride at,' and 'take the bit in his teeth.'"

"These," said Professor Davis, "must be increasingly vague to the generations growing up since numerous have displaced horses. We may expect them to be used less and less because fewer and fewer people find that they convey thought effectively."

Origin of a few figures of speech has stumped him, Davis said. He has been unable to disclose origin of such expressions as "hell bent for election," "southern," "get down to brass tacks," and "not on your mind."—*United Press*.

NEWS MAGNATE IN NEW YORK



Lord Beaverbrook, owner of the London *Daily Express* and other newspapers, as he arrived in New York recently. He said he was sorry the Duke of Windsor cancelled his American trip, as he would have made many friends. Beaverbrook championed the former King at the time of his abdication.

Judge Rejects Story of Scottish "Nod Wedding"

JUST a nod of the head and you're married! That's a way they have in Scotland, according to a member of the Scottish Bar at Lincolnshire Assizes.

Mr. Justice Finlay was hearing a petition by Ivy Blanche Siddall, of Burton Road, Lincoln, for restitution of conjugal rights.

the respondent being Edward Hughes Siddall, of St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, son of a Lincolnshire clergyman.

Mr. Alexander Ross, a Scottish barrister, said that in Scottish law if a man and woman desiring to get married exchanged mutual consent they would require no witnesses. They must give their consent, but it was sufficient for the woman to nod her head.

THREW RING AT HIM

The judge said the main question was the validity of the marriage. The story told by the woman was a remarkable one.

That she went to Glasgow by night train; that Siddall told her when she arrived that he had arranged for a Scottish marriage; that she was taken to a house in a street she did not know. In that house were a man and woman she did not know and she never asked their names. Siddall then put a ring on her finger and declared they were man and wife.

"She says she has not got the ring now," said the judge, "because she threw it at respondent in a subsequent disagreement. She said she had no recollection that she had said anything at all at the ceremony."

The judge said the evidence fell enormously short of proof required before saying it was a valid marriage. He dismissed the petition.

GRAVE DIFFICULTIES

"These Scottish marriages in the past and in the present have made a lot of grave difficulties," said the judge, "but one has got to apply the law of Scotland, whether it is likely to lead to difficulties or not."

"It is quite obvious that, as in the Court of Session so also in the English court, one ought to be careful with regard to the irregular Scottish marriages and to insist upon it that satisfactory proof of them is produced."

"The petitioner must fall on the ground that she had failed to show she was ever married to the respondent."

STOP PRESS NEWS

COMMUNISTS WANT TO KEEP INDEPENDENCE

Hankow, Mar. 29.

A three-point proposal for strengthening the unity of all parties, the creation of an organ representing public opinion, and also the mobilisation of the populace, is contained in to-day's leading article in the Chinese-Communist party organ, the *Hsin Hua Jih Pao*.

Referring to the first proposal, the Communist paper says that "only allowing the existence of one political party, and a ruling legal status to the other parties is not permitted by realities, while the abolition of all parties and merging them into one is impossible. Therefore, we propose the organisation of a People's Revolutionary Alliance under the following three principles:

1. A joint policy adopted by all parties to be followed by the individual parties.

2. Representatives of the various parties to organise a united administration, to formulate an anti-Japanese programme, and to adjust party affairs.

3. All parties participating in the alliance to retain their own political organisational independence."—*Reuter*.

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A British Consular official has gone to Tongshan from Tientsin to investigate the trouble.

The source from which the miners obtained their arms remains a mystery.—*Reuter*.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Mr. John Peter Noronha, aged 24, of No. 31 Ashley Road, Kowloon, was found dead in his home at 3 p.m. yesterday. An autopsy will be held.

DAEDALUS DUE FROM SOUTH

The Imperial Airways liner *Daedalus* is not expected in Hongkong until 3 p.m. to-day, having been delayed. The aircraft will leave for Bangkok to-morrow morning. Mail will be accepted at the General Post Office for this return trip up to 4 p.m. for registered mail and up to 5 p.m. for ordinary mail.

JAPANESE GARRISON TAKES PRECAUTION

Chengyangkwan, Mar. 29.

The Japanese garrison in Nanking has tightened its precautions as a Chinese plainclothes man was arrested on March 24. Apprehension is growing that many other Chinese plainclothes men have already filtered into the city.

Many Japanese artillery and mechanised units are reported to have been sent from Nanking to the Tathu Lake area to engage the Chinese regular and guerrilla forces operating there.—*Central News*.

CHINESE BANK OPENS DOORS

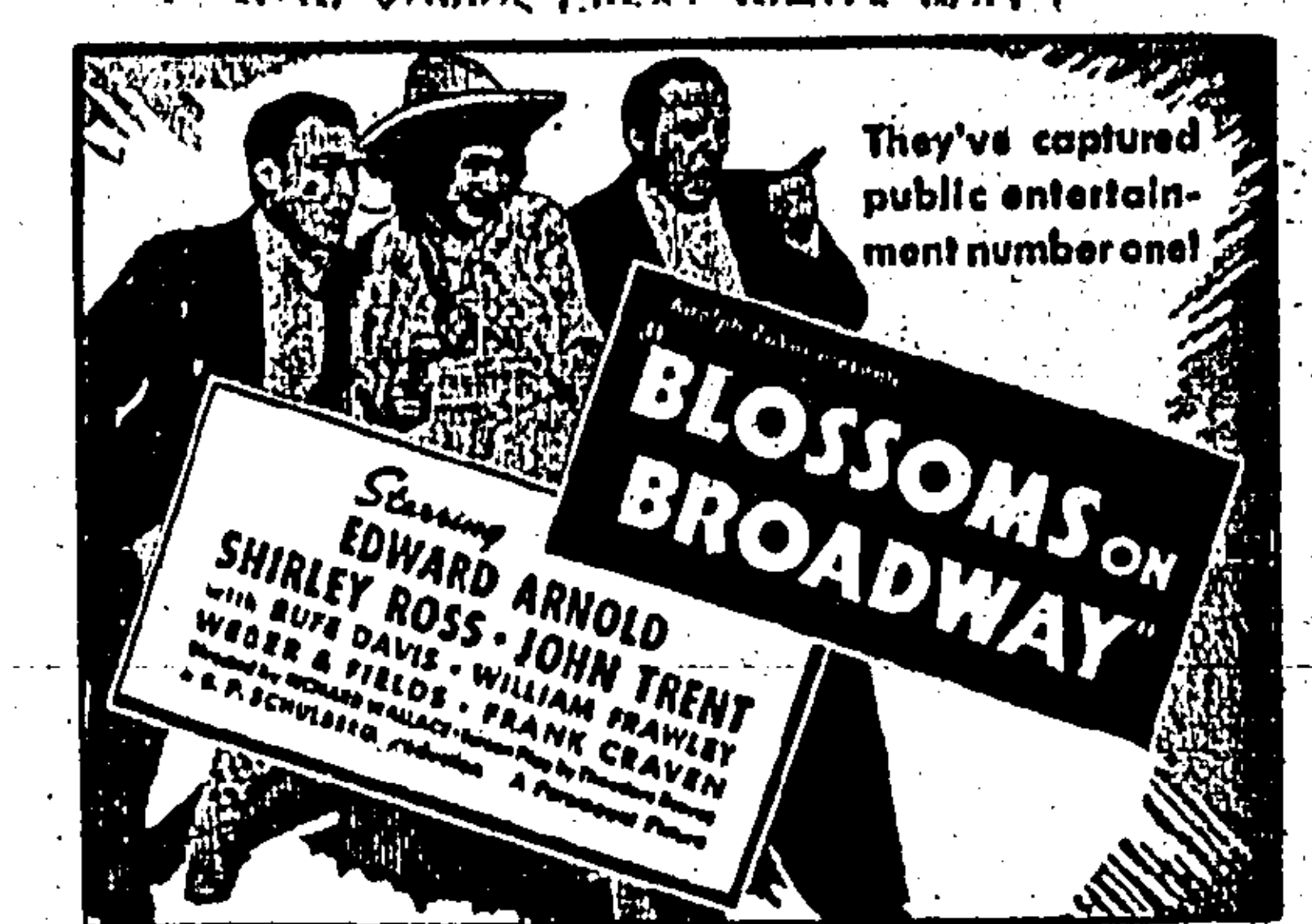
Due to the present crisis in China, nothing elaborate marked the opening ceremony of the Hongkong Branch of The Manufacturers Bank of China, Ltd., in Des Voeux Road Central, this morning.

Draped across the entrance to the bank were the British and Chinese flags, and after the door had been opened with a special key by Mr. T. L. Soong, the General Manager, those present entered and drank to the success of the bank.

During the morning, many local bankers and well-wishers, both European and Chinese, called.

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New York, Mar. 28.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The tone to-day was moderate and prices were slightly higher on the betterment of the political picture. The list was weak in spots, chiefly minings with Mexican interests. Oils rallied. Steels rallied on the improvement in steel operations. Non-ferrous metal shares, outside of those with Mexican connections, were firm. Gold-minings resumed their advance. Utilities rallied fractionally, erasing the recent decline. Farms were better. Chrysler shares rallied sharply, after first reaching a new low. Railroads showed small gains, led by the New York Central Railroad. Dupont shares staged a sharp recovery.

Bonds were lower and the market was quiet. Government bonds were irregular. Curb stocks were irregularly higher.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The market to-day displayed a firm tone, but much uncertainty prevails. The Senate passage of the Reorganization Bill is likely to bring renewed selling. The "Times" business index for the week was 70.2, as against the same figure of 70.2 last week and 100.6 for the corresponding week of last year.

Cotton: The market to-day was very steady, despite the downward revision of consumption estimates for February to the figure of 867,000 bales, as compared with 1,068,000 bales for February of last year. There was some London and Bombay selling, while price-fixing was the chief support. Spots and textiles were dull.

Wheat: There have been beneficial rains in the South-West, but prices to-day rallied on the strength of the Winnipeg market, where short-covering may be due to the small contract stocks. There has been a visible decrease in supplies of 2,781,000 bushels. Exports were light.

Corn: Cash and export buying continues. Receipts to-day were light. There has been a visible decrease of 475,000 bushels.

Rubber: Short-covering over to-morrow's quota meeting was the chief factor in to-day's market. There was some selling, which was attributed to London, on rumours that there would be no change in the quota. There has been no selling pressure from the Far East.

Sugar: The market is stagnant. Dow Jones Averages Mar. 28. Close
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JAPANESE RETREATING IN DISORDER

HEARTENING MESSAGES FOR HANKOW

Famous Kwangsi Leader Claims Two Divisions Flee from Chinese

Hankow, Mar. 29.

Great jubilation reigns among Hankow official and public bodies as a result of the reported smashing successes of the Chinese armies on the Tientsin-Pukow railway front, which are splashed under banner headlines in the Chinese papers.

All day yesterday Chinese newsboys did a roaring trade selling "extras" containing stories of the Chinese advances.

According to the latest message from General Li Chung-jen, the famous Kwangsi commander, the Japanese troops of the Isogai and Itagaki divisions in southern Shantung, are retreating in disorder.

Earlier General Li Chung-jen said that following the launching of a general offensive on March 26, Chinese troops under Chang Tze-chung, former Mayor of Tientsin, recaptured Linching, routing the Isogai Division, part of which is now retreating eastward in the direction of the Paotoku hills.—*Reuter*.

Tsining Recaptured

Hankow, Mar. 29.
Hankow is in a furore over the Tientsin-Pukow railway front victories, and extra editions of the newspapers were sold in the streets late yesterday afternoon. It is officially stated that Chinese troops have recaptured Tsining City.

The Isogai Division, 20,000 strong now at Lincheng, is completely isolated from the Japanese bases and will soon be wiped out, according to Chinese officials.

Chinese headquarters announces that Chinese troops recaptured Tawenhou, 20 miles south of Tsinan last night. Meantime guerrilla troops entered the city of Tsining and street fighting lasted until yesterday morning.—*United Press*.

Japanese Attack

Taiierchwang

Hsuehchow, Mar. 29.
In a desperate attempt to halt the victorious Chinese advance on the (Continued on Page 5.)

HONOUR CHINESE MARTYRS

Canton Observances For Old And New Heroes

Canton, Mar. 29.
Chinese banks, customs and other major business concerns in Canton are closed to-day on the anniversary of the 72 martyrs who gave their lives in an abortive rebellion here in March, 1911, which was a stepping stone to the final overthrow of the Manchurian regime, and the creation of a united Republic.

Two ceremonies were held during the early hours this morning at the 72 Martyrs Monument and at the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, both of which were attended by Mayor Wu Teh-chen, who, in the course of a speech stated: "We will always remember their heroism, in the same manner that history will remember the patriotism of hundreds of thousands of Chinese soldiers who, in past centuries, have died on the battlefield against foreign aggression."

Italy Won't Give Help To Refugees

Britain Doing All Possible For Austrian People

Rome, Mar. 28.

It is authoritatively reported that the Foreign Office has advised the United States Embassy that Italy opposes the Austrian refugee proposal. It is assumed that it is felt approval of the scheme might offend Germany.

Meanwhile a London message says that it is reliably stated that the (Continued on Page 5.)

Concern Felt For Shanghai Investments

But Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.'s Mortgage Property Untouched By War

Despite war, conditions a moderately successful year was reported by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson presiding at the 69th ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., held at the Company's offices at noon to-day.

The future with regard to the Company's interests in Shanghai and North China was still difficult, though the property mortgaged to the Company in Shanghai survived hostilities without material damage. Those present at the meeting were: Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Chairman), of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and (Continued on Page 5.)

Cavalry Rides Down Loyalists' Flanks

SPAIN'S "MAN OF DESTINY"



MIGHTIER WARSHIPS ENVISAGED

Britain, France And America Consult

U.S. May Set World Pace

London, Mar. 29.

Further consultation between the British, American and French naval experts are being held to-day, says the *Daily Telegraph* naval correspondent. The meeting is likely to be decisive and the powers will agree to invoke the escalator clause.

The correspondent says that it is now certain that the treaty maximum of 35,000 tons will be raised to above 40,000 tons, and that the British ships to be built in the 1938 programme will probably surpass H.M.S. Hood, which is 42,100 tons.

The correspondent adds that reports from Washington indicate that the new American battleships will be from 43,000 to 45,000 tons, mounting ten or more 10-inch guns, and costing £16,000,000 each, but it does not follow that the British ships will have the same tonnage and armament.—*Reuter*.

Crowd Shouts "Hang Schuschnigg"

Hitler Tells Of His Lost Opportunity

Berlin, Mar. 28.

At a plebiscite mass-meeting of 20,000 people at the Sport Palace to-day, the crowd cried "Hang Schuschnigg," after Herr Adolf Hitler has said that the former Austrian Chancellor had received the greatest opportunity of his life.

"Schuschnigg was given the opportunity to make good what he signed; but he refused. He committed the gravest mistake of his life. The man who had oppressed the nation for years was given an opportunity to repent; but he refused, and prepared a new treason."

"As an ally for that treason he engineered a miserable fraud. The day is to be effected when that man and that State are no longer there." Outlining the historical background to the Anschluss, Herr Hitler again

General Francisco Franco's armies are sweeping all before them in Spain, according to the latest despatches from that ravaged land. In this picture the insurgent leader is laying out his plan of campaign after the recapture of Teruel, which was a decisive action. The Insurgents now hold well over two-thirds of Spain.

JAPANESE INFLUENCE SUSPECTED BEHIND KAILAN MINE STRIKE

Peiping, Mar. 29.

The origin and cause of the Kailan Miners' strike are believed to be due to dissension between rival factions of contractors and workers, while non-official foreigners, conversant with the situation, express the opinion that Japanese and pro-Japanese elements are accentuating, if not instigating the trouble.

It is pointed out that the Japanese have been seeking to control the policing of the mines for over a year.

It is noteworthy that the mines supply the Japanese military and Japanese transport in North China, and it is also noteworthy that the strikers are not destroying mine property where they have control.

The Kailan Mining Administration's position is that they are willing to negotiate with representatives of the majority of workmen, but not with a self-appointed "spokesman".—*United Press*.

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NON-PARTY GOVERNMENT FOR BULGARIA

Sofia, Mar. 28.

Candidates in the general election who supported King Boris's non-party Government, have won 103 seats as compared with the opposition's 57 seats.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

referred to the 10,000,000 "outside" Germans, thereby tacitly implying the inclusion of the German Czech-Slovakians. He said: "Under the peace treaties, 10,000,000 people lost their State."—*United Press*.

INSURGENTS SWEEP OPPOSITION FROM ROAD TO VICTORY

Retreating Troops Said To Have Fired Barbastro

Hendaye, Mar. 28.

Unofficial Barcelona reports state that the Loyalists abandoned Lerida late this afternoon on General Poza's orders, given because they were unable to stop the Insurgents' steamroller advance.

Meanwhile Barbastro, 33 miles east of Huesca, fell as a result of Navarrese cavalry and Galician brigades carrying out huge flanking operations.

The Insurgents in Saragossa said that Barbastro was in flames, and General Juan Moscardo's troops alleged that the Loyalists had fired it before evacuating. "The town was a spectacle of ruin, recalling Guernica."

Tokyo to Bar Study of English

Shanghai, Mar. 29.

Domestically Tokyo correspondent, in an exclusive message, says the House of Peers School Committee has announced discontinuance of the study of the English language in favour of additional lessons in morals, due to the "grave crisis facing Japan."—*United Press*.

U.S. LOWERS SILVER PRICE

Washington, Mar. 28.

The Treasury has fixed the price of foreign silver at 40 cents an ounce, compared with the previous price of 45 cents.

It is not immediately explained whether the new price is to be applied to silver futures as well as to spot silver.—*Reuter*.

STOCK MARKET DEPRESSED

London, Mar. 28.

The Stock Market to-day was very quiet and generally rather depressed following the sharp week-end break on Wall Street, but the volume of selling was small. Gilt-edged issues were steady, though undated holdings were slightly lower.

Czechoslovakian bonds were firmer, but Industrials lower, except Aviation and Motors which were resistant. Kafirs encountered some Paris selling.

Among the commodities, silver was weak, the price falling three-fourths in the absence of buyers, following the announcement that America was abrogating the silver buying pact with Mexico. Wall Street was actively irregular.—*Reuter Special*.

SILVER CIRCLES CONFUSED

New York, Mar. 28.

Silver circles, both in the United States and in Mexico, are very confused pending further clarification of the future procedure of the United States Treasury as well as the Bank of Mexico regarding Mexico's silver.

While numerous conjectures about this are tending to heighten uncertainty, there is an absolute lack of official indication as to the status of Mexican silver in the world market after April 1 from the standpoint of the American Treasury purchasing programme.

Private opinion is that the Treasury embargo of Mexican silver may be the forerunner to a modification of the silver purchase programme, but these views appear to be entirely unsubstantiated.—*Reuter*.

COMMENDS PATRIOTISM

Sian, Mar. 29.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has addressed a telegram to the wife of Prince Shih of the Olunchab League in Suiyuan, commending her patriotism.—*Central News*.

En route to Lerida, the Insurgents advanced at an amazing speed to capture the Fraga-Lerida highway, and then from Masacorrel for a distance of 12 miles. A correspondent said: "I was an eye-witness to the bombardment of Fraga which killed 1,500, including Spanish Loyalists killed and wounded."

At Barcelona, Segor and other Loyalists prepared to broadcast an appeal for a last stand against "barbaric invasion directed by European huns."

U.S. Embassy To Move

The United States officials have prepared to remove the Barcelona Embassy and Consulate to the town of Caldesa, on the road to the French frontier. It is learned that when the Embassy moves it will warn American nationals to remain in Barcelona only at their own risk.

Well informed opinion holds that the evacuation and protection of Americans in Barcelona might be made under the auspices of the British Consulate. It is reported that ten American businessmen and newspapermen intend to remain in the city.

Meanwhile the Insurgents throughout the day bombarded the Catalan (Continued on Page 5.)

STOP PRESS

JAPANESE WIPE OUT ISLANDS' GARRISON

Canton, Mar. 29.

The Japanese have occupied two more small islands off the Kwangtung coast.

The seizure took place on the evening of March 27 when between 200 and 300 Japanese marines landed on Tain and Hsiaoan islands located near Kanno off the Chungshan district coast.

It is further reported that the small Chinese garrison was wiped out following a two-hour battle with the invaders.

A number of Japanese planes assisted the landing force by dropping bombs which demolished the Chinese defence works.

A reign of terror followed the landing when the invaders, after much looting and slaughter in the villages, set fire to the houses. It is officially reported that the Japanese first attempted to land along the Kanno coast around 3 o'clock on the afternoon of March 27. Three warships, which arrived earlier in the day, disembarked some 300 marines in small rowboats. Six planes flew overhead to cover the landing.

The Chinese garrison and local militia opened fire. The Japanese in retaliation raked the shoreline with their machine-guns. It is reported that one of the rowboats was sunk, with 30 marines. The Japanese tried frantically to reach shore but were forced to retire.

The invaders then headed south-eastward where they effected a landing on the two other islands. (Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

Country clothes are more CASUAL



Serge, plain and striped, makes this sports suit. Skirt is cream-coloured, made in 6 slightly flaring panels. Blazer jacket is striped with claret and bright green, and a panel of the green runs from neck to hem. Woollen sweater is claret-coloured.

ALL sports clothes shown in Paris during the last two or three years have been typically English—tailored, severe, classical.

This year the French designers seem to have been inspired by the more casual, but at the same time slicker, country clothes American women wear.

You know the sort of thing; you see them in every country club scene in American films. Blazer jackets over simple sweaters and pleated skirts; white serge coats with deep pockets and fitted waists; man's suit materials feminised by bits of bright colour or tricky little skirts.

Stripes come into their own for sports; they always have been "right" for wearing in the country, and now they're exceedingly smart as well.

The trick of putting a plain skirt under striped jacket shows off the stripes, and to make it clear that the two go together and are not just an odd skirt and coat they are giving plain materials a striped partner.

That means that if you buy a length of, say, grey suiting for a skirt you will be able to get the same material, striped in another colour, for its jacket.

BESIDES all sorts of men's suiting, designers are using flannel, linen, whipcord and serge. Serge particularly for blazers or for long coats; whipcord for extra jackets to go over tweed or flannel skirts.

Jackets, like those on town suits, are longer, easily fitted, sometimes bound with braid and often slit up the back. Skirts are shorter, but not more than half an inch or so, and fuller.

Many of them are accented—pleated all round; sometimes pleats are pressed down to the hips left unpressed below.

following up the idea of lower waist-lines.

THE long-sleeved waist coat, striped, spotted or plain, is fine for the country. They sometimes copy a man's suit by showing a bit of its cuff below that of the jacket sleeve.

These waistcoats, made of the silk, of twill, of pique, tussore, or jersey, are gay and bold to give a life to the quiet blues and greys of the suits, and are matched up by coat linings.

Alternatives are simple sweaters or tailored and pleated shirts. Later on in the year you will probably be getting a linen suit; now that it hardly crushes, linen is an ideal material for summer sport, cool and fresh looking.

Beach outfits, too, are made of linen or tussore, and break away from the trouser or playsuit tradition into good old bloomer suits. Not very becoming, I must say, but sometimes they've an ankle-length skirt over them, or an apron with a deep pocket across the front (idea borrowed from a gardener's green baize apron).



Jacket in yellow whipcord, square, double-breasted, over a narrow collar. Skirt, brown gabardine, pleated and with a darker brown stripe. Yellow and brown striped tussore scarf.

TRENDS

EASIEST way of getting at all the details of a new sports suit is to pick one to pieces.

NECK is high, but not much above your collarbone. Inside might be a plain round collar or a twisted stock.

JACKET is striped, square-shouldered, no collar, hangs open, three-inch slit up the back.

WAISTCOAT: buttons all the way down, is as long as the jacket, matches the jacket lining.

SKIRT is plain, short, pleated pleating starting from where the coat stops. Fastens with a zip.

MATERIALS might be any of these: man's suiting, flannel, serge, linen, gabardine. Waistcoat of rough tussore, the silk or linen.

COLOURS: probably grey or blue; stripes red, yellow or brown.

SAVOURY BALLS FROM SCRAPS

SCRAPS of fat may be worked into savoury balls.

If you are having a stew, trim off all fat from the mutton or beef, mince the fat and add it to about three times its weight in flour.

With the flour and fat, mix baking powder in the proportion of 1 teaspoon to ½ lb flour, some chopped parsley, good pinch herbs, pepper, and salt.

Pour in sufficient milk or water to make a stiff dough.

Flour your hands, and form into small balls. Drop these into the stew about ½ hour before the meat is ready. Label

RHUBARB RECIPES

OFTEN the simplest ways are the best in serving rhubarb.

Try, for instance, rhubarb fritters. Wash the sticks and then cut them into lengths. Get ready a pan of smoking hot fat. Dip the pieces of rhubarb into batter, and then fry on both sides till attractively brown. Drain, sprinkle with brown sugar, and serve immediately.

Here is another rhubarb and batter dish, which the children will like either hot or cold. First make a batter with 6 ozs of flour, an egg, and ½ pint of fresh milk. Then sprinkle 2 ozs of grated suet over the bottom of a greased pie-dish.

Wash the rhubarb and cut into pieces about an inch long. Place these in the dish and pour the batter in. Bake slowly, sprinkle with sugar to liking, and then pour custard round.

Here is another rhubarb dish the children are very fond of. Prepare about 1 lb of rhubarb cutting into pieces, and simmer with a pint of water and sugar to liking. Melt 1 oz of gelatine in a little water, and then strain into the rhubarb. Next add the juice of an orange. Turn into a mould, leave to set, and serve with custard.

With Sago

Rhubarb goes very well with sago, and this is worth a trial. Cut up as much rhubarb as you want, and then cook it in water for 10 minutes, allowing a pint of water to 1 lb of rhubarb. For each ½ lb of rhubarb you will require ¼ lb of sago and a gill of water.

Add the sago and water to the rhubarb, and sugar to taste. Boil all up together for a further 10 minutes. When done turn into a wetted mould, then leave to set, and serve with custard.

Rhubarb roll is one of the ways of serving. Have some good short pastry, and roll out to about a quarter of an inch thick. Wash the rhubarb and cut into inch pieces. Lay these on the pastry, sprinkle with sugar, and add a few gratings of lemon rind. Then add just a dust of ginger.

Butter a baking dish, and then line it with buttered paper. Roll up the pastry, put the roll in the dish, and bake in a moderate oven for about half an hour. Serve with custard.

Many people are fond of baked rhubarb. Cut up the sticks and butter a baking dish. Sprinkle with nutmeg and grated orange rind. Fill the dish with the rhubarb and sprinkle more nutmeg and rind on the surface. Squeeze the juice of an orange over and sprinkle with castor sugar. Put pats of butter here and there, cover with buttered paper, and bake in a moderate oven. E. R. Y.

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If I Could Begin Again

By A Young Wife

MOST people at some time wish they could begin again and take advantage of opportunities missed.

They nearly always lost sight of the fact that if they could begin again, in all probability they would do the same things. If I could begin again, with the knowledge I have now, I should see to it that things were different.

For instance, I would not marry before my 25th year. A girl who plunges into marriage at 20 or 21 years of age misses the best part of her girlhood, and has to shoulder too many responsibilities before she is really capable.

Overcoming Difficulties

Like many women to-day, I made the mistake of expecting pretty looks to carry me through, instead of being capable of overcoming difficulties by my own efforts. I am not decaying good looks, of course. The trouble is too many women possess them. In themselves good looks and prettiness are not sufficient to make the most of life.

Then, if I could begin again, I would always have an objective instead of constantly changing from one thing to another. I was always enthusiastic in starting new things, but if I did not overcome difficulties very early I was reluctant to carry on—but went on to something else. Women who are able to complete

everything they tackle make the best housewives.

A Passenger Instead of a Driver

I am happily married, yet I know that I could not "pull my weight" if I had to. I should like to be a driver and less often a passenger.

Sometimes I wish I could begin again if only for the reason that I could study house-wifery right from the very bottom. It is all very well being able to detail this and that to a maid, and then grumble when everything does not turn out quite right. But it is worse when we realise that we could not do the job half as well by our own efforts.

If I could begin again I would not marry a doctor. For one thing, they are seldom at home; you never know when they may be called out in the middle of the night.

I should marry a man who was more my equal than my superior, and I should have his company at least several hours of the day. And his views of life might coincide more with my own. As a doctor's wife, I am expected to do this and that as a matter of form. Life becomes stereotyped—too much so at times.

ON Friday, January 21, members of the Deutsch-Scottischer Verein in Glasgow presented two short plays for the Edinburgh German Circle—"Die Fliege," by H. John, and "Der Kramerkorb," by Hans Sachs. The meeting was held at 15 Queen Street, at 8 p.m.

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Japanese Troops Urged to Leave Shanghai

POLICE WELL ABLE TO PROTECT PUBLIC WITHIN SETTLEMENT

Britain Doing Everything Possible to Speed Return Of Normal Conditions

London, Mar. 28.

Replying to Mr. A. C. Moreing (Cons.) in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, an Under-Secretary in the Foreign Office, said that the main hostilities in China had moved about 200 miles from Shanghai, but severe fighting between Chinese guerilla bands and Japanese troops had recently occurred within 60 miles of the city.

The British Government was doing everything possible to assure the return of normal peace-time conditions.

Mr. Moreing pointed out that the International Police were perfectly able to maintain order in the Settlement, and he wished steps would be taken, in the interests of British and other countries' trade, for the removal of Japanese troops from the Settlement.

Mr. Noel Baker (Lab) asked on what grounds the Japanese justify retention of their troops in the Settlement, and Mr. Butler replied that they have the same rights as the other countries with regard to stationing of troops in Shanghai.

Mr. Moreing asked Mr. Butler if he really suggested that Japanese occupation of Hongkong and Yangtsepo was comparable with British and French action in stationing troops in the International Settlement. No answer was given.—*Reuter*.

Head Of Well-Known Family Passes Away

The death occurred at Serdang, Kedah, at the residence of his son on Sunday, March 13, of Dato Dr. Wong Shin-Uwai of Kelantan, at the age of 61 years. The deceased had been ailing for some time and passed away peacefully in the presence of his whole family.

The body was taken to Singapore and the funeral took place on March 17.

Besides the widow, the deceased is survived by two sons, Dr. Wong Siong-lee, Medical Officer of the Serdang Group Estates, Kedah, and Dr. Wong Siong-hing, of Kelantan, and three daughters.

The younger son, Dr. Wong Siong-hing, is well-known in Hongkong swimming circles as a former holder of the Colony backstroke record, established while he was an undergraduate at the Hongkong University. He also represented the Colony in a Swimming Interport against Shanghai. He was married in Hongkong some years ago to Miss Florence Tong, member of a prominent local Chinese family.

ROOSEVELT VIRTUAL DICTATOR

Washington, Mar. 28. President Franklin Roosevelt scored a notable victory in the Senate to-day, when it passed by 49 votes to 42, a Bill giving the President sweeping powers to reorganise executive departments.

Opponents of the measure bitterly denounced it as giving the President virtual dictatorial powers. Congressmen over the week-end received over 100,000 telegraphed protests against the Bill.—*Reuter*.

Blum Trying To Pacify Strikers

Paris, Mar. 28. Mr. Leon Blum and members of the Cabinet are still trying to bring the strikes in the metal and engineering factories, especially those in the aircraft works, to an end.

They attended an unbroken series of conferences with employers and leaders of the strikers during the week-end, and they are continuing the negotiations to-day.—*Reuter*.

BRIGANDS PURSUED BY POLICE

Four Jews Slain By Arab Band

Brutal Murders Avenged

Jerusalem, Mar. 28.

Arab brigands shot and killed four out of nine Jewish passengers in a taxicab on the Safad-Acre road this afternoon. Three of the passengers are missing, and two survivors reached Safad.

The dead are a father, a 12-year-old son, an aged mother and her daughter.

A police patrol rushed to the spot and engaged the brigands which numbered a score, and killed at least three of them.—*Reuter*.

Jewish Doctor Also Slain

Jerusalem, Mar. 28.

A Jewish doctor was shot and killed on the main coastal road to-day while two Arab buses were ambushed 16 miles from Jerusalem on the main road to Hebron. The passengers were robbed, but there were no casualties.—*Reuter*.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks
H.K. Banks, \$1,525 n.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £90 n.
Chartered Banks, £114 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £28 n.
Mercantile Bank, £14 n.
East Asia Bank, \$80 n.

Insurance
Canton Ins., \$275 n.
Union Ins., \$535 n.
China Underwriters, \$2 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$245 n.

Shipping
Douglas, \$67 n.
H.K. Steamboats, \$164 b.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-China (Def.), \$24 n.
Shell Bearer, \$80 n.
Union Waterboats, \$94 n.

Others
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$136 n.
H.K. & W. Docks, \$300 n.
Providents (old), \$300 n.
Providents (new), \$105 n.
New Engineering, \$3.90 n.
Shanghai Docks, \$98 n.
Kailan Mining Adm., 14/6 n.
Rauhs, \$7.00 n.
Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.

Philippine Mining
Antamoks, P., 51 sa.
Atoks, P., 26 sa.
Bacato Gold, P., 20 sa.
Benquet Consol., P., 9.40 sa.
Benquet Explor., P., 1 sa.
Big Wedge, P., 1 sa.
Coco Groves, P., 40 sa.
Consolidated Mines, P., 0.11 sa.
Demonstrations, P., 34 sa.
E. Mindanao, P., 1 sa.
Gumaua G'fields, P., 1 sa.
Igo Gold, P., 60 sa.
I.X.L., P., 60 sa.
Itocons, P., 1 sa.
Minsale Consols., P., 1 sa.
Min. Resources, P., 1 sa.
Northern Min., P., 1 sa.
Paracale Gumaua, P., 20 sa.
Salacot Mining, P., 1 sa.
San Mauricio, P., 45 1/2 sa.
Suyve Consol., P., 15 1/2 sa.
United Paracale, P., 41 sa.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$7 n.
H.K. Lands, \$35 1/2 n.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben \$100 b.
S'hal Lands, Sh. \$8 1/2 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —
Humphries, \$9 1/2 n.
H.K. Estates, \$3.40 n.
China Estate, \$97 b.
China Realities, Sh. —
China Deben, Sh. —

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways, \$15.80 b.
Peak Trams (old), \$7 b.
Peak Trams (new), \$34 n.
Star Ferries, \$84 1/2 b.
Yaumatei Ferries (old), \$28 1/2 n.
China Light (old), \$12.15 b.
China Light (new), \$9.10 n.
H.K. Electric, \$50 1/2 n.
Macao Electric, \$18 n.
Sandakan Lights, \$14 1/2 b.
Telephone (old), \$20 1/2 n.
Telephone (new), \$10 n.
China Buses, Sh. —
Singapore Traction, 23/- n.
Singapore Pref., 23/- n.

Industrials
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$14 1/2 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pres.), Sh. \$12 1/2 n.
Canton Ices, \$1.70 n.
Cement, \$17 1/2 b.
H.K. Ropes, \$4.90 n.

Others
Dairy Farms, \$25 n.
Watsons, \$8.85/70 n.
Lano Crawford, \$3 1/2 n.
Sinceres, \$2.20 b.
Wing On (H.K.), \$39 n.
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Cotton Mills
Ewo Cotton, Sh. \$13.60 n.
Shal Cotton (old), Sh. \$72 n.
Zhong Sings, Sh. —
Wing On Textiles, Sh. —

Miscellaneous
H.K. Entertainments, \$8.70 n.
Constructions, \$14 b.
Vibro Piling, \$5 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1935 G' Bonds, 70% n.

ANGLO-ITALIAN PACT CLAUSES, SUPPOSEDLY SECRET, NOW FORECAST

London, Mar. 28.

It is understood the Anglo-Italian pact will contain several secret clauses, including Italian promises to cease garrisoning Libya, an agreement determining the rights of frontiers, fixing the Ethiopian boundaries, and the British position with regard to the boundaries of Kenya and the Sudan, and thirdly a definition of the future activities of Italo-British short-wave broadcasts.

In addition the pact will possibly touch on the future status of Palestine.

It is reliably reported that other clauses include:

British reaffirmation of certain clauses in the Suez agreement relating to freedom in transit.

The promise to refrain from the construction of fortifications on the Eastern shores of the Red Sea.

An Italian pledge to refrain from raising a "Black army" in Ethiopia.

Safeguards for the continued British access to the headwaters and Lake Tanna.

Mutual assurances to refrain from hostile and subversive propaganda in the Near East, Middle East and elsewhere.

There are indications that the pact will be signed before Herr Hitler's visit to Rome.—*United Press*.

Progress At Conversations

Rome, Mar. 28.

Optimism with regard to the Anglo-Italian talks continues and it is thought an agreement is likely to be reached before Easter, but will not be signed until after Herr Adolf Hitler's visit to Rome in the beginning of May.

The Foreign Office expects that Mr. G. M. Rendell to-day will have a long talk with the Italian expert. It is believed they discussed questions connected with Palestine, the Suez Canal and the Red Sea.—*Reuter*.

Mussolini To Speak

Rome, March 28.

Signor Benito Mussolini is expected to make an important statement to the Senate on Wednesday. It is thought he may deal with Italy's defence and possibly announce an increase in armaments.

The speech will be broadcast by all Italian stations.—*Reuter*.

FAMOUS CHAPLAIN PASSES

Bishop Taylor-Smith Went Through Ashanti War

London, Mar. 28.

The death has taken place of Bishop Taylor-Smith, Chaplain-in-General to His Majesty's Forces from 1901 to 1925.—*Reuter*.

The Right Rev. John Taylor Smith, K.C., C.V.O., D.D., was born in 1860. He was ordained a deacon in 1885 and priest in 1886. From 1895 to 1899 he was curate of St. Paul's, Penge. From 1899 to 1897 he was Sub-Dean and Canon of St. George's Cathedral, Freetown, and Diocesan Missioner at Sierra Leone. In 1895 he was appointed Chaplain to the Forces in the Ashanti Expedition.

He was Bishop of Sierra Leone from 1897 to 1901 and was Hon. Chaplain to the Queen in 1899. Appointed Chaplain-General to the Forces in 1901, he served in this capacity until 1925, when he retired on pay.

He was Select Preacher at Cambridge in 1904, and was made a Sub-Prefect of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in 1916.

SECOND BISHOP DIES

London, Mar. 28.

The death of two bishops occurred to-day. Dr. Greig, the first Bishop of the See of Guildford, formed in 1927, and previously Bishop of Gibraltar, died in a London nursing home, aged 73. He took a very active part in the preparation for the building of a new cathedral—only the third Anglican cathedral to be built in England since the Reformation—the foundation stone of which was laid at Guildford in the summer of 1933. Bishop Taylor Smith, former Bishop of Sierra Leone, and Chaplain-General to the Forces from 1901 to 1925 died suddenly at sea this morning on board the liner Orion.—*British Wireless*.

CARDENAS SEEKS TO STOP STRIKE THREATS

Mexico City, Mar. 28.

President Cardenas and Labour leaders are co-operating in urgent efforts to thwart any strike threats in the mining industry.—*United Press*.

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Chinese Bank Opens Doors

Branches All Over China After 18 Years' Business

Due to the present crisis in China, nothing elaborate marked the opening ceremony of the Hongkong Branch of The Manufacturers Bank of China, Ltd., in Des Voeux Road Central, this morning.

Draped across the entrance to the bank were the British and Chinese flags, and after the door had been opened with a special key by Mr. T. L. Soong, the General Manager, these present entered and drank to the success of the bank.

During the morning, many local bankers and well-wishers, both European and Chinese, called.

The Manufacturers Bank of China, Ltd., which has its head offices in Shanghai, was established 18 years ago, having a capital of \$20,000,000. It is entirely a commercial bank, and has branches throughout the large cities of China.

Dr. H. H. Kung, Finance Minister, is the Chairman of Directors, while the four Managing Directors are Mr. K. P. Chen, General Manager of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Mr. T. V. Soong, Mr. S. T. Chen, and Mr. John Chen, vice-Governor of the Central Bank of China.

The main objects of the bank are to encourage Chinese industrial projects and commercial undertakings, especially in regard to foreign trade.

Another reason for the opening of the Hongkong Branch is that in South China sound investments may be found for the bank's surplus deposits, and at present many important Chinese business houses have opened branches in this port.

TO BE RETURNED TO CEYLON

YOUNG MAN LEFT BEHIND BY CIRCUS

Left behind by Isako's circus, Clement Nazarus Gabriel, 23, of Colombo, Ceylon, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy to-day charged with vagrancy. He was committed to the house of detention.

Det.-Sergeant Loughlin said that Gabriel was here with the circus. The management of the circus entrusted to the police a certain sum of money for the defendant's support and for his passage back to Colombo. Now the money that was to sustain the defendant had reached its limit, and what remained was just sufficient to cover the cost of booking defendant's passage. It was therefore desired that the defendant be committed to the house of detention, where he will receive food and lodging, until his departure in about a week's time.

BRITAIN SEES "REALITIES" PRESS VIEW

Tokyo, Mar. 29.

The Asahi Shimbun, in an editorial to-day, says that Britain is "obviously" awakening to the realities of the China situation. This was due, in the first place, to the inauguration of the reformed regime in Nanking, secondly to the creation of the Sino-Japanese Economic Council to supervise economic developments in North China, and thirdly to the Japanese proclamation controlling navigation in the Central China waterways.

It is expected that an early settlement of the Shanghai customs issue will follow the arrival in Tokyo of Mr. E. L. Hall-Patch, financial adviser to the British Embassy in China.—*United Press*.

Mussolini Worried By French Talk Of Intervention

Rome, Mar. 28.

Diplomatic observers have reported that Signor Benito Mussolini is concerned with the possibility of French intervention in Spain, and it is believed he is preparing himself to meet such a move.—*United Press*.

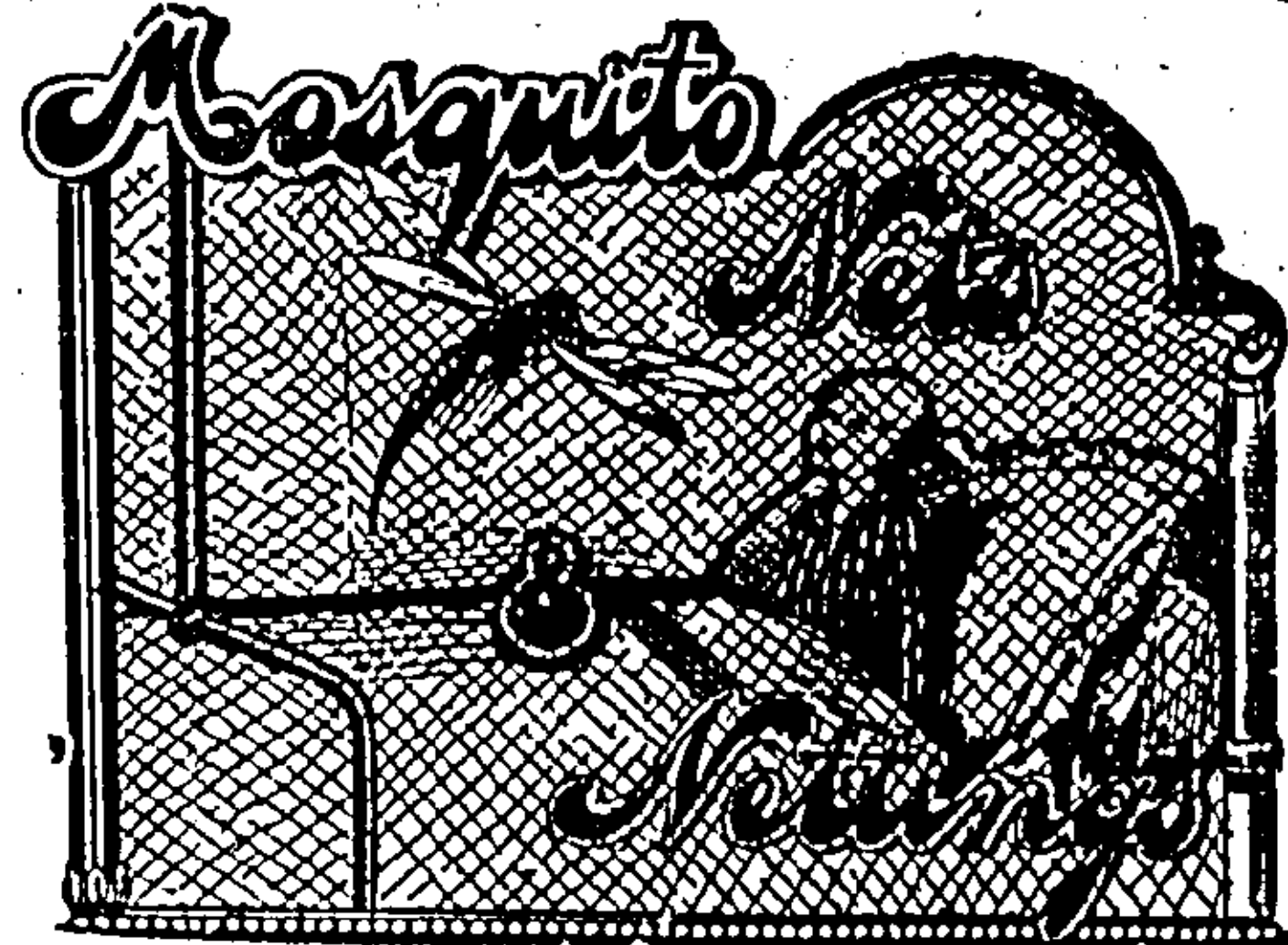
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Katori Maru7th May

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†Toyooka Maru26th April

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NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGESWAN, CULBERTSON &
FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Mar. 28.
S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets: The day-to-day was moderate and prices were slightly higher on the betterment of the political picture. The list was weak in spots, chiefly minings with Mexican interests. Oils rallied. Steels rallied on the improvement in steel operations. Non-ferrous metals, outside of those with Mexican connections, were firm. Gold-minings resumed their advance. Utilities rallied fractionally, raising the recent decline. Farms were better. Chrysler shares rallied sharply, after first reaching a new low. Railroads showed small gains, led by the New York Central Railroad. Dupont shares staged a sharp recovery. Bonds were lower and the market was quiet. Government bonds were irregularly higher.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables: Stocks: The market to-day displayed a firm tone, but much uncertainty prevails. The Senate passage of the Reorganization Bill is likely to bring renewed selling. The "Times" business index for the week was 79.2, as against the same figure of 79.2 last week and 100.0 for the corresponding week of last year. Cotton: The market to-day was very steady, despite the downward revision of consumption estimates for February to the figure of 807,000 bales, as compared with 1,008,000 bales for February of last year. There was some London and Bombay selling, while price-fixing was the chief support. Spots and textiles were dull.

Wheat: There have been beneficial rains in the South-West, but prices to-day rallied on the strength of the Winnipeg market, where short-covering may be due to the small contract stocks. There has been a visible decrease in supplies of 2,781,000 bushels. Exports were light.

Corn: Cash and export buying continues. Receipts to-day were light. There has been a visible decrease of 475,000 bushels.

Rubber: Short-covering over tomorrow's quota meeting was the chief factor in to-day's market. There was some selling, which was attributed to London, on rumours that there would be no change in the quota. There has been no selling pressure from the Far East.

Sugar: The market is stagnant. Dow Jones Averages Mar. 28. Close
30 Industrials 106.63 107.25
20 Rails 19.68 20.46
40 Utilities 16.09 16.11
20 Bonds 85.14 84.89
11 Commodity Index 61.10 61.17

ALLOWED DOG TO ROAM

For allowing his dog out in Mody Road on March 6 without a muzzle or lead, Mr. V. B. Glover, Humphreys Building, was fined \$10 by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. Sgt. Hensley prosecuted.

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The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Wednesday, the 6th April, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 6th April, 1938, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th March to 14th April inclusive.

By order of the Board,
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STOCK MARKET
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

The market was quiet but steady. Prices being well maintained. The Manila market is reported to have been very quiet.

Hongkong Bank \$1.92
Bank of East Asia \$2.00
Union Insurance \$3.24
China Underwriters \$2.00
H.K. Steamships \$0.1
Providents (Old) \$3.50
Providents (New) \$1.50
H.K. Lands \$4.25
Chinese Estates \$0.7
H.K. Tramways \$15.50
Peak Tram (Old) \$7
Star Ferry \$0.4
China Lights (Old) \$12.00
H.K. Electric \$2.01
Sundankian \$14
Telephones (Old) \$2.00
Telephones (New) \$1.0
Cement \$1.74
Dairy Farms \$2.4
Watsons \$2.20
Shocho \$2.20
Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$0.60
Constructions \$1.7
H.K. Govt. Loan 12 1/2 %
Wallace Harpers \$10
Marsmans (H.K.) \$10
H.K. Tramways \$15.50
Macao Electric \$1.8
Union Insurance \$3.20
H.K. Steamships \$10.7
H.K. & K. Wharves \$15 1/2 %
Providents (Old) \$3.50
Providents (New) \$1.50
H.K. & B. Hotels \$0.97
H.K. Tramways \$10.00
China Lights (Old) \$12.10/10
H.K. Electric \$2.01/10
Cement \$1.74
Dairy Farms \$2.4
Watsons \$2.20
Aniamoks Pa. 51
Atoka 20
Baguio Gold 20
Benguet Consol 9.50
Coco Grove 47
Consolidated Mines 0.11
Demonstrations 34
J. X. L. 70
Paracale Gumas 20
San Maritino 40
Suyoc Consol 104
United Paracale 31

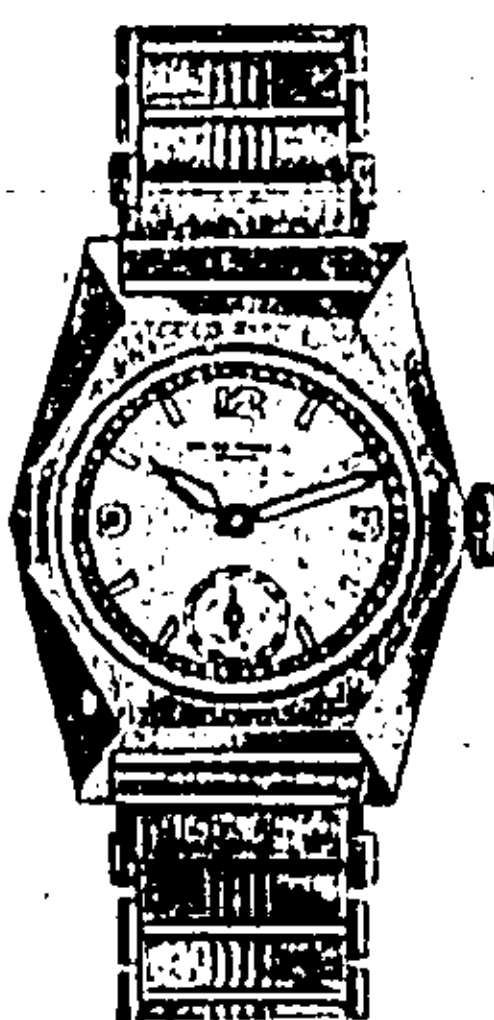
SHIPS IN WIRELESS
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The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Radio Telegraph Office: Rawalpindi, President Jefferson, President Cleveland, Empress of Japan, Chakrag, Chuntien, Bangkok Maru, Aslan, Apoc, Bhutan, La Plata Maru, Hongkong, Hiram and Asama Maru.

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The local Board of Examination Committee of the Corporation of Accountants Glasgow and the Faculty of Secretaries, England, have received the pass list for the examination of last December. The successful students are:

C.R.A.

Walter J. Brown, A.F.S., F.B.I., passed the Intermediate C.R.A. Examination.

SECRETARIES

Commercial Law:—William Benedicto, Lay Nam-chiu, Allan Fung, Alexander Azedo, Yang You-kuon. Bookkeeping Intermediate:—Horace H. Rozario, Alexander Azedo. Bookkeeping Elementary:—Lambert Phoon, G. Sequeira, Howard L. Phillips, Hang Kon-chiu, Horace Barretto, Horace H. Rozario, David Kwan, Pun Chung-mok.

Typewriting Advanced:—Margaret Maxwell, Merela Xavier, Amy Young. Typewriting Intermediate:—Lambert Phoon, Chan Pui-kai, David Kwan, Lay Nam-chiu, Noel Zamora. Typewriting Elementary:—Pun Chung-mok.

Shorthand 50 Words per Minute:—Merela Xavier, G. Sequeira, Akbar Abdullah, Margaret Maxwell. Shorthand Theory:—Ismael Ali, Taik Sim-lim, William Benedicto, Marcus M. Gutierrez, Horace H. Rozario, Henry A. Rozario, A. K. Markar, Lambert Phoon, Winifred Jacobson, Belle Jacobson, Laura Woo, Howard L. Phillips, Hung Kon-chiu, Chan Pui-kai, Pun Chung-mok. These are all students of the School of Accountancy and Commerce.

U. S. COMMODITY
PRICESLATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS

New York, March 28.

New York Cotton
May 8.74/74 8.73/74
July 8.80/81 8.78/79
October 8.85/84 8.83/83
December 8.87/88 8.84/84
Jan. (1939) 8.88/88 8.85N
Mar. (1939) 8.90/90 8.91/91
Spot 8.70

The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 26.

New York Rubber
May 12.75/75 12.90B/95A
July 12.95/91 13.02 /03
September 13.10/04 13.16 /17
December 13.26/26 13.33 /34
January 13.39N

Sales for the day:—2,350 tons.
Chicago Wheat
May 86 1/2 %/86 1/2 %
July 81 1/4 %/81 1/4 %
Sept. 82 1/2 %/82 1/2 %
Thursday's Sales:—14,772,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn
May 61 /61 61 1/2 %/61 1/2 %
July 62 1/2 %/62 1/2 %
Sept. 62 1/2 %/62 1/2 %

Winnipeg Wheat
May 116 1/4 %/116 1/4 %
July 107 /106 1/2 %/106 1/2 %
Oct. 90 %/90 %

EXCHANGE

Selling
T.T. London 1s. 2.19/32
Demand 1s. 2.19/32
T.T. Shanghai 110
T.T. Singapore 104 1/2
T.T. Japan 104 1/2
T.T. India 81 1/2
T.T. U.S.A. 30 1/2
T.T. Manila 30 1/2
T.T. Batavia 54 1/2
T.T. Bangkok 152 1/2
T.T. Saigon 98 1/2
T.T. France 9.90
T.T. Germany 75 1/2
T.T. Switzerland 131 1/2
T.T. Australia 1.67/32

Buying
4 m/s L/c London 1.27 1/2
4 m/s D/P do 1.27 1/2
4 m/s L/c U.S.A. 30 1/2
4 m/s France 10.65
30 d/s India 82 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London 9.95 1/2
U.S. cross rate in New York 1.67/32

CHINESE FOUND
ON TROOPSHIP

Two Chinese who were found on board H. M. T. Dilwara yesterday were charged with unlawful boarding when they appeared before Cmdr. G. F. Hoel, Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning. Pleading guilty they were fined \$10 each or ten days' imprisonment. Liu Ho, mistress of a junk, was fined \$5 or five days' imprisonment when she was found guilty of loitering within 100 yards of the North Wall of the Royal Naval Yard.

Sergeant McDonald of the Royal Naval Yard Police prosecuted in both cases.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

Business Done Prices in Pesos
Antamok 21
Atok 21
Baguio Gold Unquoted
Benguet Consolidated Unquoted
Coco Grove Unquoted
Consolidated Mines Unquoted
Demonstrations Unquoted
Paracale Gumas Unquoted
San Maritino 45
Suyoc 18 1/2
United Paracale Unquoted
Telephone of the market: Quiet.

Fine Gift To
Imperial
Defence Plan

London, Mar. 28.
The Colonial Secretary in the House of Commons said the Governor of the Straits Settlements had reported to him that on February 14 the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements adopted a motion for the payment of \$500,000—approximately £88,000—to His Majesty's Government as a gift towards the cost of Imperial defence. The Governor had, at Mr. Ormsby Gore's request, expressed to the Council the grateful appreciation of His Majesty's Government for this further generous gift which was in addition to the Colony's annual contribution towards the cost of the defence of the Straits Settlements, and to the sums voted for the Colony's volunteer naval, military and air forces.

The Minister added: "I am glad to have this opportunity of expressing the Government's appreciation of this further gift from the Colony, and of the spirit of co-operation, of which it is still another practical example."—British Wireless.

Language Of
Cave Men

Words In Use To-day

By ROBERT L. SPENCER
United Press Staff Correspondent.

Palo Alto, Cal.
Figures of speech which were an integral part of the early cave man's simple language now occupy a prominent place in the modern vocabulary, according to William Hawley Davis, professor of English at Stanford University and editor of the Stanford University Press.

Davis said the cave men used such figures of speech as "backbiting," "back-scratching," "skinning alive," "girding up one's loins" and other similar expressions much in use to-day.

Davis has a collection of nearly 3,000 figures of speech that are part of everyone's vocabulary.

"It is somewhat startling," he said, "to find that expressions related to physical combat, including war, which are embedded in our speech, amount to hundreds."

CITES "CUTTHROAT
COMPETITION"

"Evidently," he continued, "the suffering, physical and mental, and the nervous tension as well as the glamour accompanying these things in actual or imagined experience make them very foretelling when used to convey related ideas, as in 'cutthroat competition' and 'incited error'."

Davis said that existence on the cave man level is still very real to the average person. To the cave man, he explained, a "bone of contention," an "eye for an eye" and "cutthroat competition" meant more than they do to us; but we can still use such freely.

"Literally," he said, "the cave man 'wielded a big stick,' 'left no stone unturned,' 'kept an ear to the ground,' 'found a bird in the hand worth two in the bush' and 'killed two birds with one stone.' Whereas now these expressions are used figuratively."

"RED HANDED" ANOTHER ONE

Other expressions handed down from the cave men, according to Davis, are: "avoiding the dirty end of the stick," "caught culprits 'red-handed,'" or "cast something in somebody's teeth."

"In a similar way people still employ a large number of figures deriving from horses. These include 'raring to go,' 'prick up his ears,' 'bridle at,' and 'take the bit in his teeth.'"

"These," said Professor Davis, "must be increasingly vague to the generations growing up since automobiles have displaced horses. We may expect them to be used less and less because fewer and fewer people find that they convey thought effectively."

Origin of a few figures of speech has stumped him, Davis said. He has been unable to disclose origin of such expressions as "hell bent for election," "southpaw," "get down to brass tacks" and "not on your tinfoil."—United Press.

CADMAN REPORT
APPROVED BY
COMMONS

London, Mar. 28.
The House of Commons approved the Government motion regarding the Cadman report on civil aviation in England, after defeating the Labour amendment by 120 to 67 votes.—Reuter.

KILLED BY TRAIN

A special train from Kowloon to Shumchun on Sunday killed an unknown Chinese near the Lo Wu brick-works.

The body was not seen after the accident, and is believed to have been knocked into the Shumchun River, and a report made to the police at Shumchun later states that the body was seen floating there.

POST OFFICE.

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Air mail letters may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London, 19th March.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 29.
Straits and Holhow	Mulimam	March 29.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	March 30.
Singapore	Jean Laborde	March 30.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London date 3rd. March—and London Parcels—London date, 24th February.	Rawalpindi	March 30.
Calcutta and Straits	Tilawa	March 30.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuen Sang	March 30.
Singapore	Houtman	March 31.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 23rd March.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 31.
Bangkok and Swatow	Kwelyang	March 31.
Nankin	Nankin	March 31.
Japan and Shanghai	Naldera	April 1.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 25th March.	Pan-American Airway Plane	April 2.
Japan	Africa Maru	April 2.
Haliphong	G.G. Paul Doumer	April 2.
Australia and Manila	Nellere	April 2.
Japan and Shanghai	Sphinx	April 2.
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	April 3.
Straits	Protesilaus	April 3.
Japan and Shanghai	Aeneas	April 4.
Tientsin	Calchas	April 4.
Straits	Yunnan	April 4.
Java and Manila	Cramer	April 5.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle date, 12th March)	Pres. McKinley	April 6.
Straits	Bolsevalin	April 7.
Tientsin	Chenglu	April 7.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 19th March)	Emp. of Asia	April 7.
Manila	Potsdam	April 7.
Amoy	Shirala	April 7.
Japan	Talhyblus	April 7.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 6th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	Tues., Mar. 29.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 29, 4 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 29, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Darwin, 2nd April.	Imperial Airways Plane	Tues., Mar. 29.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 29, 4 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 29, 5 p.m.
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Chung On	Wed., Mar. 30, 8.15 a.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Imperial Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as services permit).	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Wed., Mar. 30.
	Reg.,	Mar. 30, 9 a.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 30, 9.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed., Mar. 30, 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Jean Laborde	Wed., Mar. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Haliphong	Caiston	Wed., Mar. 30, 2 p.m.
Swatow	Swatow	Wed., Mar. 30, 3 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweliu, Kwayang and Changking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service	C.N.A.C. Plane	Wed., Mar. 30.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 30, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 30, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 30, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 31, 6 a.m.

Thursday

Swatow and Shanghai	Kwaying	Thurs., Mar. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Rawalpindi	Thurs., Mar. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Holhow	Mulimam	Thurs., Mar. 31, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 19th April and Europe via Siberia.	Emp. of Japan	Thurs., Mar. 31.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Parcels,	Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 1, 9.15 a.m.
	Ord.,	Apr. 1, 10 a.m.

Friday

Japan	Yuensang	Fri., Apr. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane 19th April.	Nonkin	Fri., Apr. 1.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
	Parcels	Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 2, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	Apr. 2, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, Egypt and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 29th April.	Naldera	Fri., Apr. 1.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
	Parcels	Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 2, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	Apr. 2, 10.30 a.m.

Saturday

Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Darwin, 6th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., Apr. 2.
	G. P. O. & K. P. O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 2, 8 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 2, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 10th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., Apr. 2.
	G. P. O. & K. P. O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 2, 8 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 2, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Naldera Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 12th April.	K.L.M. Airways	Sat., Apr. 2.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 2, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 2, 10 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and "Tientsin	Holhow	Sat., Apr. 2, 10.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Chang On	Sat., Apr. 2, 10.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haliphong	Kiangsu	Sat., Apr. 2, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa.	Africa Maru	Sat., Apr. 2, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "France Orient Airways Service"—due Marseilles, 17th April.	Sphinx	Sat., Apr. 2.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 2, 4 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 2, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and "Europe via Brindisi—due Brindisi, 24th April.	Conte Rosso	Sat., Apr. 2.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 2, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 2, 5 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa. "Egypt and Europe—via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 2nd May.	Sphinx	Sat., Apr. 2.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 2, 4.15 p.m.
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NO CAUSE FOR PESSIMISM

There is a good deal of juggling about with currencies these days and the consequences are difficult to predict. It was foreseen, however, that the narrowing of China's exchange facilities, designed to protect the currency and the nation's reserves overseas, might actually induce the collapse of the dollar. And that collapse seemed perilously near to some yesterday when Shanghai commercial men were pessimistically talking of an eight-penny rate. Hongkong financial circles, it is learned, do not share this pessimism. In the first place, looking at the situation from a purely selfish angle, Shanghai's exchange misfortune will not necessarily do this Colony, or China, any appreciable amount of harm. In fact, in the long run, certain benefits may accrue to Hongkong business. In any event, we have the assurance of no less an authority than Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, chief manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, that Hongkong finances are safe and sound; and the Colonial Treasurer himself has no misgivings, knowing the solid position of the exchange fund. The bogey of a Hongkong dollar slump does not come into the picture, therefore.

As for the benefits which may result from China's currency troubles, let the North China currency position be considered. Northern traders do not want to have anything to do with the currency of the Peiping regime. At the moment much of the trade of those ports outside the jurisdiction of the Central Government is at a standstill. It is possible, indeed highly probable, that unless the currency situation is corrected they will endeavour to formulate a barter arrangement, selling their goods in Hongkong, and using the proceeds, Hongkong currency, to purchase in this market what they require. This would obviously be good for local business, though a barter system would take some time to adjust itself.

As for Hongkong and the South China trade, the same sort of situation could result if exchange uncertainties persist. But well-informed opinion is inclined to the belief that the Shanghai exchange situation will correct itself and that there will be no great discrepancy between the Shanghai and Hongkong dollar values.

One interesting construction which has been placed upon the Chinese Government's attitude in connection with exchange allotments in Shanghai is that the Central authorities have no wish to see Shanghai's trade thrive if the Japanese propose to retain the customs revenue. This is a wholly unofficial opinion, of course, and no more

WE had seen no land since leaving Hanoi, in French Indo-China. We flew at 13,000ft., above a calm sea of cloud which might as easily have concealed the neat little rectangular fields of England as the bewildering complication of winding dykes that mark the paddy fields of the East. The machine swung into a slow and cautious spiral and for ten minutes or so we descended through distorted and terrifying masses of vapour. Suddenly we came out below the "ceiling" and found we were only two or three hundred feet above the sea.

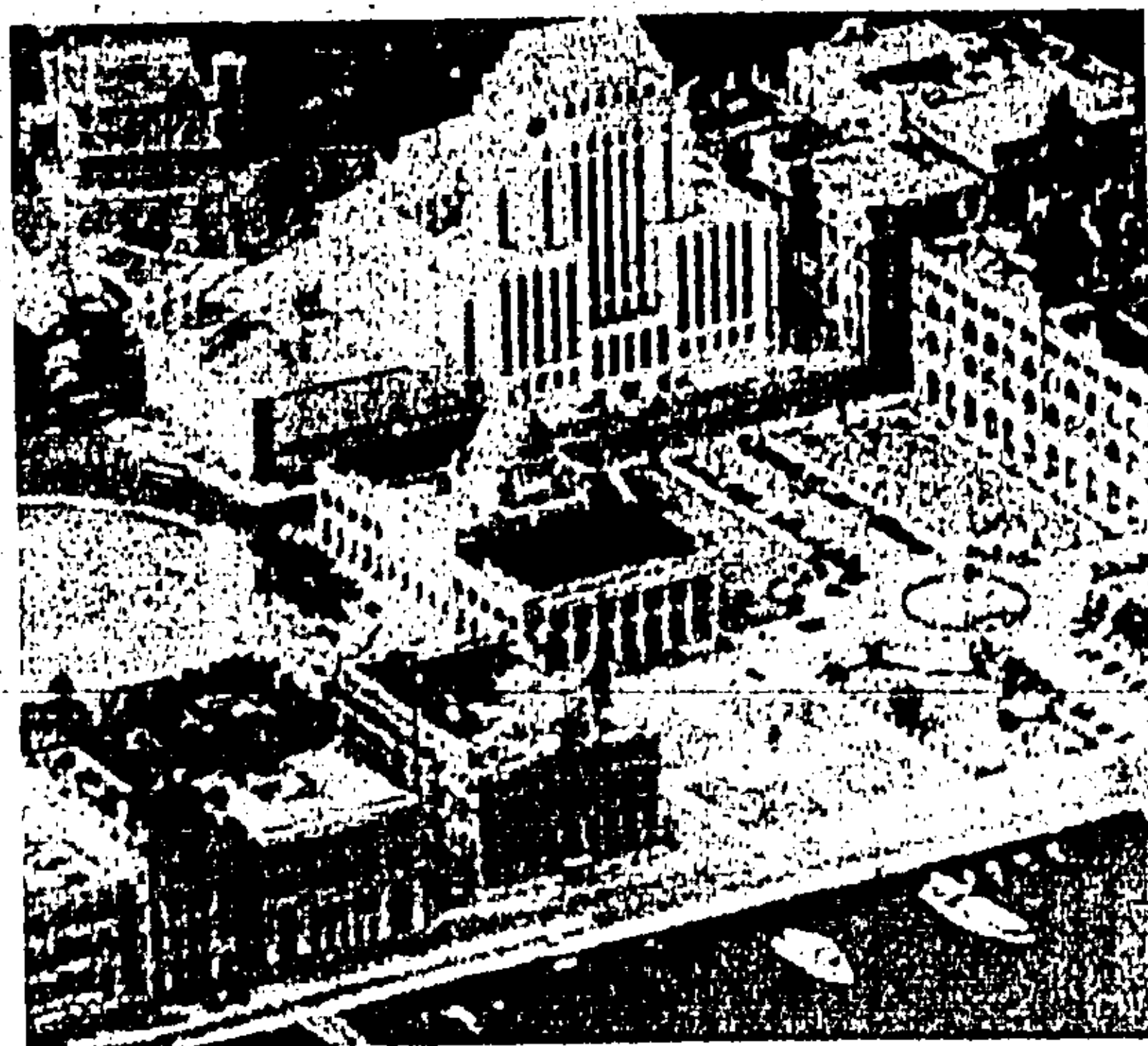
Half a mile beyond us lay a cruiser at anchor, and our machine banked abruptly—she was probably Japanese, and it might not be advisable to go too near her despite the Union Jacks painted on our wings.

A few fishing junks sailed to and fro well within the three-mile limit of territorial waters. Their rather Dutch rig made them look out of place against the hills of Hongkong island, for these hills and bays remind one vividly of the mountains and lochs of the West coast of Scotland.

WE passed over lovely creeks and came out above a wide channel flanked by steep hills covered with a jumble of houses. The machine landed and taxied us up to the side of a smart white aeroplane with a large red cross painted on her sides—so elegant a gift or purchase from abroad, but so much less useful than the stretchers and cheap blankets which might give a decent proportion of the wounded a chance of recovery.

And in any case these Red Cross machines are not allowed to leave the colony until they have given the maximum of guarantees that they will not be used for fighting or bombing—other machines are not, assembled in Hongkong at all, but must wait until Japan's own aeroplanes pause long enough to permit of their dispatch in can colours; dirty old tramp crates by water or rail to Can-

VERNON BARTLETT LONDON "NEWS CHRONICLE" REPRESENTATIVE RECENTLY IN HONGKONG, GIVES HIS FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THIS COLONY



ARRIVAL AT

HONGKONG

ton, in China proper.

Outside the aerodrome dozens of barelegged and barefooted men with rickshas grunted to attract our attention. Most trembled with cold; a few still sweated from their last run. In all weathers they live in their rickshas and they die very young.

The aerodrome is at Kowloon, on the mainland. In a few minutes we were on a steam ferry crossing to Hongkong.

Sampans, rowed as often by women or small children as by men, and still showing gay red strips of paper from Chinese New Year; junks with raised poops that remind you of the Spanish Armada; a British flag on a ship and a destroyer or two flying British, French or American colours; dirty old tramp steamers.

ALL the life of a big port against a background of tall Victorian office buildings with one startling white skyscraper—the new offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—and a villa-dotted mountainside that disappears into the clouds. At its top is the Peak, where the colony live with occasional days of blazing glory when the view compensates them for the weeks of mist.

The crowd on the waterfront was indescribable and noisy. The hotel lobby was dense with people clamouring vainly for rooms, gossiping about business or the forthcoming races and the affairs of the Colony. Occasionally somebody spoke about the war, but the contrast between the atmosphere of security in Hongkong and the Leased Territories which

from its beautiful hinterland and the much bombed road and railway that lead you on into China is fantastic.

On my first Sunday I sat writing in a garden a mile or two away from the Chinese frontier. On my left was a tea of the golf course with its pleasant click as each player drove off it; on my right was the low rumble of explosions as the Japanese tried to destroy the railway which is one of China's most valuable lifelines in this war that Tokyo still calls an "incident."

A little way up the hill stands Government House, around which life revolves far more obviously than it revolves round Buckingham Palace and Westminster. His Excellency—"H.E." for short—in a British colony probably wields more power than the King he represents, and the good qualities or shortcomings of past Governors are remembered as the good or evil deeds of past monarchs are recorded in children's story books.

NEAR Government House are some barracks where a dozen men were at bugle practice, and I hurried down the hill again to the bewilderingly crowded streets and alleys of the Chinese town. Barefooted men, jog-trotting along with terrific burdens on each end of a bamboo stick across their shoulders. Women with their babies tied pick-a-back so that they do not interfere with work.

A barber busy shaving an old man at a street corner. Women in lovely ankle-long silk dresses slit up the sides or in coarse black jackets and trousers rolled up far above their knees in rainy and muddy weather. Open-fronted shops, crowded with anything from gorgeous coffins to flat dried ducks of other unexpected foodstuffs.

I wandered round for a couple of hours collecting impressions and smells, and I gave it all up when, in the middle of this colourful jumble, I came across an ordinary round red English letter-box with the familiar G.R. monogram on it. Chinese laugh readily, but they must have wondered to see me laughing at this familiar pillar of British influence.

These People Should Not Marry

"WE are going to be married in April, and I shall chuck my job."

Thus a young girl of mine who has the world, as you might say, at her feet and is giving up everything to marry a struggling young clerk in a small country town.

When she had finished her story she looked at me reproachfully. "Well, aren't you going to congratulate me?"

Career Wasted?

WAS I? I had to think for a moment. I had to think of that young woman's school career; wherein she showed so much promise that her family took the headmistress's advice and scraped her University fees out of their limited income.

I had to think of her progress at college; of her degree; of her flying start in the advertising world.

She has made a big success; in five years she came to the top. Her

then guess-work. Indeed, the whole future insofar as Shanghai's currency is concerned is very nebulous. If, as seems probable, the Central Government in China does not lack overseas credit, it is a comparatively simple matter to readjust the exchange situation by relaxing control, and allowing exchange transactions to the limit of legitimate business demands. In co-operation with the banks there would then be no difficulty in fixing the exchange rate. It all depends on China—and the extent of her resources. No-one knows what game she is playing. But it is reassuring to everyone who has her welfare at heart to know that her financial leaders are sound; that they are well advised, and that their resources are enormous.

Says
Pamela Sidney

salary rose to £600 a year, plus bonuses. She was heading for a directorship.

She likes the money. She loves the job. She could, if she stayed, have all the kick of a really responsible post in a big business house. And she is giving it up.

"No," I said, "sorry to be tough. But I am not going to congratulate you. I think you're rather an ass."

There, in my view, men and women who are better without marriage; better without children.

Hackneyed

I SAY this at the risk of being a storm of brickbats because I know it is true. Male or female, the selfish, brilliant, energetic, impatient person, who hates a home and never wants to settle down would make a most impossible parent.

Why should it always be assumed that every woman must look upon herself as not only qualified but destined for motherhood? There are scores of women who do not want marriage and who do not need it.

Marriage versus career is an old argument. It is acknowledged as useless because marriage always wins. Why?

I am not thinking only of my friend in the advertising business. I am thinking of many women who were on their way to great things as doctors, lawyers, writers, architects, women who threw away their training and their ambition, who settled down to be wives. And I honestly refuse to join the general verdict; the verdict of my letter-writer. It is rubbish.

Just as we say, "It takes all sorts to make a world," "A blessed release," "A happy event," so we come out with the hackneyed, popular phrase, "A woman's place is the home." "A woman." What woman? You see, this old shape-going past in a

bus? Lady Astor? A copper-coloured girl in Honolulu? A typist in New York City? An Eskimo?

Let us pull ourselves together. There is no such thing as "a woman," an average woman, equipped with average powers, average appearance, average emotions, average dreams. There are only individual persons, sharply different, unaccountable, mysterious.

Other Callings

AND among these individual persons there are any number of characters who would benefit neither from marriage nor child-bearing. There is other work

to be done in the world. There is more to be discovered in medicine and science than has been discovered during the past two thousand years.

There are books to be written; houses to be built; home laws and international laws to be shaped from their present dismal state of chaos. There are the causes of peace and justice and education.

Women as well as men can get on with these jobs.

There are, let us remember, many women whose brains could be of more account than their bodies.

Let us, once and for all, free our minds of the worn-out sentimental nonsense which lumps the female population together in a brainless mass; which smiles fatuously on careers and achievements, which mouths at the news of every single woman whatever her fame or her success, "What a pity she doesn't get married and settle down."

No, my friend, I am sorry, but I cannot give my congratulations on your engagement; on the untimely end of your career. I know that the rest of your acquaintances will; and maybe you won't miss mine.

"THE VERY IDEA"

EDDIE KELLY DECIDES ON LOCAL ANSCHLUSS

By Eddie Kelly, Dictator

WHEN THE AUSTRIAN PLEBISCITE IS HELD ON APRIL 10, 60,000,000 GERMANS WILL VOTE WITH THE AUSTRIANS ON THE QUESTION OF INDEPENDENCE.

This is a brilliant idea. We wish we had thought of it earlier.

It has possibilities that could easily be introduced to Hongkong.

Six hundred thousand coolies are just dying for the privilege of participating in the election of the Committee of the Hongkong Club.

We have a lot of friends who believe with us that Sir Vandeleur Grayburn should show a bit of co-operation in arranging financial ramifications of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

As a matter of fact, there's no reason why we shouldn't follow the German example and all become members of the dozens of Boards of Directors in Hongkong, each of us, of course, drawing the usual director's fee.

We could start with the Hongkong Brewery and decide to lower the price of beer to five cents. Everyone who signs chits at the Hotels could automatically become Directors and, as such, decide that the chits were bad debts, anyway, and wipe them off.

His Excellency the Governor would find a lot of expert advice available from the 1,250,000 new members of the Legislative Council who would automatically become representatives of the people if our idea is brought into force. To stop at Hongkong? A simple remedy for China's 400 million people. (Continued on Page 2)

REMARKABLE STORY BY MAN WHO KNEW HERR HITLER

History Of The German Nazi Told In New London Book

A REMARKABLE ACCOUNT OF THE RISE OF THE NAZI PARTY FROM ITS EARLY DAYS, AND VIVID FIRST-HAND PORTRAITS OF HITLER AND OTHER LEADING NAZIS, BEFORE AND AFTER THEY CAME TO POWER, ARE CONTAINED IN KURT G. W. LUDECKE'S "I KNEW HITLER" (JARROLD, 10S. 6), PUBLISHED RECENTLY.

The author joined the Nazi party in 1922. From then until he escaped from a German prison to America in 1934 he saw much of Hitler, and was entrusted with such tasks as conducting a Nazi Press bureau in Washington and acting as the Fuehrer's envoy to Mussolini.

Eight months' imprisonment in a concentration camp, during which the author states that he saw—and to some extent suffered—the most appalling brutalities, must have made it difficult for him to retain complete objectivity towards Hitler and his regime.

German "Warships" Fly Red Ensign

Edinburgh. The German fleet, scuttled at Scapa Flow in June 1919 is sailing the seas again, but under the Red Ensign.

German battleships scuttled at Scapa Flow are helping to build the new units of the British Navy.

Messrs. Cox and Danks started salvaging the sunken German fleet in August 1924 and in nine years raised 30 vessels, which were broken up at Rosyth and sold as scrap metal.

It was this scrap metal which helped build the Queen Mary and her giant sister ship 552, which was recently announced to be christened Queen Elizabeth.

Then Messrs. Cox and Danks sold the business to Metal Industries, of Glasgow, the firm which up to then had been breaking up the salvaged vessels. Messrs. Cox and Danks had lost £10,000, according to a statement made by Mr. E. F. E. Cox, at a meeting.

He said that the firm got £70,000 for the Hindenburg, the 28,000-ton battleship raised in July 1930, which only covered his expenses.

At the time of the sale, 13 vessels still remained on the seabed, waiting to be salvaged. Metal Industries Ltd. immediately resumed suspended operations and in April of 1937, the flagship of Admiral von Reuter, Friedrich der Grosse was brought up and towed to Rosyth for breaking up.

Scrap metal from this mighty battle-cruiser will probably go to help Britain's rearmament, as will the United States liner Leviathan which is to be broken up by the same firm.

One hundred workmen and ten specially trained divers are busy on the task of raising another battleship, the Grouse Kurfurst, scrap from which will also help manufacture cannons and warships included in Britain's building programme.

Work on the Grouse Kurfurst has continued despite rough weather and the bitter winter. The only break was for Christmas and the New Year.

Although eight big ships still lie on the sea bed, including the Grouse Kurfurst it is feared that it will be impossible to raise four of them. Most of them lie at a depth of about twenty or thirty fathoms.

The price of scrap metal, which Cox blamed for the fact that he did no more than clear his expenses on the Hindenburg and lost money over the whole of the nine years salvaging, has appreciated considerably as a result of Britain's rearmament.

Price of scrap metal has increased by about 50 per cent. but in England the price is below world market level, as a result of price control, operated by a co-operative of big scrap metal firms. Price per ton in England at present is about £4.

This will make the Grouse Kurfurst worth about £100,000 when she is eventually raised and towed to Rosyth for breaking up. In the world market, she would be worth about £170,000.

When the Germans took the British by surprise in 1918 and scuttled their fleet, before anything could be done to stop it sinking, they little thought that they were storing up metal for a rainy day—but for their former enemies—United Press.

In assessing the latter part of the book, at any rate, due weight must be given to that fact. Herr Ludecke's present view of Germany may be gathered from the dedication of his book, which, in a pointed reference to the "purge" of June 30, 1934, he inscribes as "In memory of Capt. Ernst Roehm, Gregor Strasser, and many other Nazis who were betrayed, murdered and traduced in their graves."

"LIKE A SCOURGE"

When the author first met Hitler in 1922 his critical faculty was swept away. "I do not know how to describe the emotions that swept over me as I heard this man," he says. "His words were like a scourge."

He was introduced to him, "still perspiring, dishevelled, in his dirty trenchcoat, his hair plastered against his brow, his face pale, his nostrils distended."

"Next to Hitler, the man most impressive to me at that time was Capt. Roehm... He was a brilliant leader of men, an excellent officer, fearless and straightforward... He was of decisive importance to the Party, finding money, arms and men at the most critical times. Without him the Fuehrer could never have reached the Chancellorship."

In 1922, a month before the Fascist "March on Rome," Ludecke was sent to Milan, as Hitler's envoy, to see Mussolini. "After his final instruction was the brutally direct, 'Rip out of Mussolini whatever you can.'"

When Ludecke sounded Mussolini on his attitude towards the Germans in the South Tyrol (taken from Austria after the Great War), the Italian answered: "No discussion about that—ever!"

Stecher: "The scourge of the Jews," agreeing to go on a three weeks' fast, but discovered on the third day "in a quiet restaurant tucking into an enormous omelette."

Goebbels: "On the platform he is a pure wizard. There, the only ample thing about him comes into play—his penetrating voice, a great, sometimes sonorous tone that emphasises his physical meagreness by contrast."

When he opens his lips to orate, it is as if Niagara came pouring from an eye-dropper."

REARMAMENT PERILS In September, 1932, Ludecke had an interview with Hitler in Berlin, six months before he came to power. The future of the Nazi movement and Germany's need of allies were discussed with frankness.

"I had a long conversation with him," Ludecke says. "He said Hitler was a fool these gentlemen abroad for length of time? That's the question. What will Britain say, France, the United States, once I'm Chancellor?"

"Will I be able to rearm Germany before they get on to me and strike at me with a preventive war? That depends largely, I suppose, on whether they have the leadership and guts to strike—and if they can get the people to go to war again. And that I doubt!"

At the mention of Hindenburg, Hitler is quoted as saying: "I need Hindenburg—I need that feeble-minded old bull, that senile dodo... I need his prestige for the transition period, until I've consolidated my power. With his prestige behind me I can proceed step by step—I can get rid of Versailles, I can rearm, I can get allies."

AIMS IN AUSTRIA

"I don't care what they think and write about me abroad—better for them to keep on underestimating me until I get strong—I'll be ready to strike before they know it, the fools! Austria will be the first fruit to drop into my lap; I'll settle things with Mussolini myself."

During this interview the author realised more clearly than ever that the man's tremendous handicap in his

complete ignorance of the English language, all ideas from that vast English-speaking world could reach him only at second-hand. Hitler, pacing nervously up and down, said: "If Britain opposes a greater Germany at all costs—all right! I still think Mussolini might be interested in making Germany so strong that together we might force John Bull to his knees..."

"If it's going to take bombs to show these gentlemen in London, Paris and New York that I mean business, well, they can have them. Don't be afraid—I'll go the limit when the time comes, but not before..."

"And if you visualise a greater Germany side by side with Russia, I tell you that I see a German Reich stretching from the North Sea to the Urals, but without a Stalin."

NAZI PRISON CAMP CONDITIONS "OLD MEN COLLAPSED" In 1934 Ludecke fell foul of Goering, who had him jailed. He was soon released, but, disregarding Hitler's advice to go to Washington, he was arrested again and sent to prison in Brandenburg. There he encountered cruelties of the worst description.

"Relentlessly, insultingly, we were ordered about. Some of us had to clean up the filth... Jews were kneeling in the blazing sun and grubbing out the tufts of grass from between the stones with their teeth, goaded on by occasional kicks. Prisoners were forced to do strenuous drill, although 'among us were men old and ill. Every day men collapsed.'"

"An 'enemy of the State' whom I saw was an internationally-known Jew, the late anarchist and writer, Erich Muehsam. This hapless man had acted on the original but imprudent idea of sending his last will to the prison authorities, with the explicit statement that he was forgiving his murderers."

"Now his battered face looking out at me showed all the colours of the rainbow, a ghastly shadow in the grisly twilight of the dungeon."

"Granted that there were cases which called for bodily punishment, by flogging, there was still no need for torturing a helpless, exhausted and starving prisoner. 'Because of the reaction abroad—chiefly because of pressure by American and British Jewry, the Gestapo—Secret Police—finally issued orders forbidding the maltreatment of Jews. From then on our Jews fared much better.'"

Nevertheless, the author goes on to describe Jewish prisoners were forced to take part in degrading exhibitions and submit to indignities of the most revolting kind. Eventually Ludecke was able to escape to Czechoslovakia, and via Switzerland, France and Canada, to the United States.

Empire Cables Cheaper Soon Air Mail Competition

Cheaper Empire cable rates are likely to be announced within the next few days.

The decision is the outcome of the agreement which has just been reached by the £24,000,000 Cable and Wireless Combine and the British and Empire Governments regarding the future of Empire communications. While substantial reductions are expected in the ordinary rates, a special rate of 1d. or 1½d. a word may be fixed for news messages. The pressure of air mail competition is partly responsible for the coming reductions.



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EMPIRE NEWS MIGRATION SCHEME IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney. The Federal Ministry view with lukewarmness and even hostility the action of some Socialistic State Governments in formulating their own migration schemes. Ministers are going to London shortly for the Ottawa revision conference and will then consult the British Government.

Mr. Lyons's Cabinet has considered the details of all post-war immigration, including the percentages of South European arrivals. It does not expect the new scheme of assisted immigration from Britain to operate before the end of the year.

The scheme will probably be confined to children for the Fairbridge Farm Schools, youths for farm work, domestic servants, a small number of married farm workers, and selected artisans for the rapidly growing manufacturing industries.

Japanese Boycott.—The Australian Workers' Union, the largest industrial trade union in Australia, has

passed a resolution refusing to support the action of the waterside workers at several ports to load metals for Japan. The Union is of the opinion that the boycott should be internationally organised. Individual action by Australian unions could not be effective. Nevertheless, the conference of the Australian Federation of Women Voters to-day advocated a boycott of Japanese goods.

South Africa

TABLE MOUNTAIN SCENIC ROAD Cape Town.

The City Council propose to build a scenic motor road across the face of Table Mountain from the lower cableway station towards Groote Schuur.

By-Election Nomination.—The keenest interest is being taken in the contest for the United party nomination in the South Peninsula constituency. Mr. Sydney Waterhouse, the sitting M.P., is being opposed by Mr. Frank Solomon, the first man to run a commercial aviation concern in South Africa. Mr. Waterhouse is one of the youngest M.P.s. He is regarded as a candidate for the next Cabinet vacancy.

Canada

DEATH OF RAILWAY PIONEER Ottawa.

Mr. Charles Berkeley Powell, 80, a former member of the Ontario Legislature, who played a large part in the development of the railways of America in the latter part of the 19th century, died here yesterday.

The death has also occurred at Hamilton, Ontario, of Mr. Charles W. Bell, 61, one of the best known criminal lawyers in Canada.

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H.K.T. 12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Kunz Revivals No. 2; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D.3.

12.42 Nat Gonella & His Georgians.

Blues In My Heart—Fox-Trot (Carter-Mills); Cocktail Swing—Fox-Trot (Fryman-Fagerlund—Conrads); Big Chief "Swing It"—Fox-Trot (From The Joy Parade);

Gonna Goo—Fox-Trot (Young Reser-Ahlert); Do-De-O-Deo—Fox-Trot (Formby); I Don't Like—Fox-Trot (From "Keep Fit").

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Charles Kullman (Tenor) with New Light Symphony Orchestra.

The Waltzing Doll (Poldini); At Dawning (Cradman)... Orchestra; Lover, Come Back To Me (From "New Moon"); Rose Marie (From the film)... Charles Kullman; Monastery Bells (Wely); The Mill In The Forest (Ellenberg)... Orchestra;

Serenade (Ravlin's Serenade—words, Lockien)... Charles Kullman; Jazz Nocturne (My Silent Love—Suesse)... Orchestra; Buffalo (Confrey)... Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Rotary Tiffin Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: Sir Henry Follock. Subject: "Some Legal Anecdotes."

2.15 Close Down.

2.16 Chinese Programme.

7.0 Dance & Variety Programme.

Dance Band—Don't Forget The Old Folks At Home (Noel, Pelosi); The House With The Little Green Tiles (Beamish, Stanley)... Billy Cotton And His Band with vocal chorus;

Vocal—"Venus In Silk"—Vocal Selection... New Mayfair Orchestra with vocal chorus; Jan Van Der Gucht (Vocellists); Organ Solo—Dixon Hits No. 18... Reginald Dixon, the famous Blackpool Organist;

Humorous—I Never Thought That She'd Do That To Me (Miller); Let's All Have A Charabanc Ride (Miller)... Max Miller; Vocal—Waterlilies In The Moonlight (Pense, Rose, Stock); Roses In December (From "Life Of The Party")... Brian Lawrence with the Three Ginx and Rhythm Accompaniment.

7.35 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.40 Studio—A Recital by Elizabeth Donaldson (Contralto) Accompanied by Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).

1. L'Hercule Exquisite (Reynaldo Hahn); 2. Si Mes Vrais Amants Des Altes (Reynaldo Hahn); 3. Il Est Doux, Il Est Bon (Massenet)... E. Donaldson; 4. Piano—Air de Ballet (Chaminade)... L. A. Lafford; 5. Les Deux Roses (Hallett Gilbert); 6. Les Deux Buissons (Cecile Chaminade)... E. Donaldson.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Sea Shanties and Chorus. Sea Shanties. Intro: "What shall we do with the Drunken Sailor?" Shonandoah; Blow the Man Down; Bound for the Rio Grande; Whisky Johnny; Fire Down Below; Hula-Hula-Bay; Billy Boy... Gerald Chorus; Let's Have A Chorus; Intro: John Peel; A-hunting we will go;



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Schuschnigg To Be Tried Charges Of False Plebiscite

Vienna, Mar. 28.

It is understood that Dr. Schuschnigg, former Chancellor of Austria, will be tried in connection with his attempt to hold a plebiscite, by the famous Leipzig criminal court, while the leading accused in the Reichstag fire were tried.

It is probable that an attempt will be made to give the proceedings the widest publicity.

Dr. Schuschnigg will not only be accused of having intended to hold a false plebiscite, it is stated, but as Minister of Justice at the time of the trial of Otto Planetta, Nazi corporal, who was hanged for shooting Dr. Dollfus, he will be regarded as being responsible for the alleged miscarriage of justice on that occasion.—Reuter Special.

CATHOLIC SUPPORT Solemn Declaration By Austrian Bishops

Berlin, Mar. 27.

The Roman Catholic bishops of Austria, headed by Cardinal Innitzer, to-day issued a solemn declaration pledging support to the German Reich.

The declaration expressed the conviction that National-Socialism averted the danger of the all-destroying and godless Bolshevism.

The declaration, which was read in all churches, concludes: "On the day of the plebiscite we expect all faithful Christians to show a sense of debt to their race"—Reuter.

"Drink to me only," "Clementine," "Who Killed Cock Robin?" "Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond," "Columbia Vocal Gem Company with two Pianofortes conducted by Charles Prentice.

8.15 London Relay—The Bishop Dreams.

By A. L. Phillips. Characters: The Bishop of Downchester; Janet, his sister; Henry Blunt, his twin brother; William, the butler; Mrs. Wilson, the housekeeper; Time: A week before any English Derby. The production by Howard Rose.

8.55 Studio — Studio Orchestra conducted by Lindsay A. Lafford.

1. Suite Orientale—(Francis Popy); (a) Les Bayaderes; (b) Au Bord du Patrouille; (c) Les Alcees; (d) Patrouille; 2. Nocturne—(Tschalkowsky); 3. Minuetto Galante—Ettore Pellegatti; 4. Valse—L'Or et L'Argent—(Léhar).

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass Baritone).

McPherson's Farewell (McCall); Deep Sea Mariner (McCall); Fishin' In The North Sea (Stemdale-Bennett).

10.0 London Relay—The Old Folks At Home.

A programme in which we hope to bring back memories of popular melodies of yesterday. The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra; Leader, Leonard Hirsch; Conductor, Eric Fogg; Edward Rensch (Tenor); Robert Hanlon (Piano).

10.45 Dance Music.

On His Arm (Clive Erard, Trafford, Nes); So Many Memories (Woods); Jay Wilbur And His Band with vocal chorus; Orchestra—Sympathy—Waltz Firefly; Afraid To Dream—(From "You can't have everything")... Roy Fox And His Orchestra; Vocal refrain by Barry Gray; Hawaiian Music—Goodnight My Love (From "Slowaway")... Roy Smek And His Hawaiian Serenaders with vocal refrain.

11.0 Close Down.

SOUTHERN LANDING REPULSED

Canton, Mar. 28.

About 300 Japanese bluejackets from San Tsao Island attempted to make a landing on Kan Mo, Chung-shan County, yesterday, but were repulsed by the garrison. Mo Kan was bombed severely before the attackers made an attempted landing, while the seven Japanese warships nearby also went into action.

Being frustrated in their attempt to occupy Kan Mo, the naval raiders then occupied Tai Lam and Shiu Lam Islands nearby for the second time. The islands were not defended and fell into the hands of the enemy without a struggle.

There are about 12 Japanese warships and one auxiliary carrier in the vicinity of Otto Planetta, Nazi corporal, who was hanged for shooting Dr. Dollfus, he will be regarded as being responsible for the alleged miscarriage of justice on that occasion.—Reuter Special.

Vernacular reports stated that a conference was held at Taihouku, Canton, yesterday concerning military activities and intelligence work in South China. Agents active in South China attended the meeting following the breakdown of the espionage system climaxing in the execution of Miss Lu Yuk-kwan (Lu Yu-chun) 10, on March 26. Her guilt and execution were publicly announced.

Local newspapers also stated that some Japanese warships are flying Chinese flags to inveigle fishing boats and Chinese vessels. No confirmation is possible, as no use can be served in this connection owing to the fact that the few remaining Chinese warships are not in the coast but are under shelter in the rivers.

Two Japanese seaplane carriers are still lurking in the vicinity of Chung-shan, as during the raids to-day and yesterday more than 50 planes took part. That the carriers have left for Fukien is incorrect.—Special.

TATUNG SHELLED

Taiyang, Mar. 28.

Two Japanese warships in the Yangtze shelled Tatung on the south bank of the river yesterday. Scores of shells were fired but caused little damage to the Chinese positions there.

The firing was dimly audible at Taiyang.—Central News.

EDDIE KELLY DECIDES ON LOCAL ANSCHLUSS

(Continued from Page 6.)

sent crisis would be for everyone to vote against an Anschluss with Japan.

England should be able to make certain of the cricket Ashes this season by allowing everyone to join the Board of Control and vote for a proposal that Bradman should be forced to bat with his left foot over his ear and his right arm touching his toes, it being hardly likely that the Australian Board of Control could make sufficient members to vote for a counter-proposal that the English bowlers should use ping-pong balls.

Really, there's no telling where this will stop. We can foresee—But wait! What's this! Communism by thunder! Matny! The masses and the kids have just formed a bloc to outvote us on the question of disposal of this month's salary!

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TSUI BROTHERS ENTER SEMI-FINALS OF DOUBLES

SPLENDID FORM IN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

GOSANO AND REMEDIOS FAR TOO INCONSISTENT

(By "Abe")

The sun made a brave attempt to shine yesterday afternoon, but failed dully and the Colony Tennis Championships were resumed at the Hongkong Cricket Club in rather bleak weather. As a result of the recent rains, the courts were all on the soft side but had dried up sufficiently not to impede the players to any great extent.

Altogether four matches, two in the singles and two in the doubles, were decided in the open championships. Originally, one more singles tie, that between H. Owen Hughes and S. S. Hussain, was scheduled to be played as well, but again it was postponed. Hussain was indisposed.

For the first time during the current tournament, the stand court was utilized. The occasion was the quarter-final doubles encounter between Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui, the champions of 1936, and A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios, of the Club de Recreo. Giving the impression that they could have played better had the situation demanded it, the Tsuis won in straight sets by 6-2, 6-4.

Gosano and Remedios were not consistent enough to force the Chinese pair to remain on the same high level. They beat their opponents in several of the rallies, but on the whole they made far too many mistakes to worry the C.R.C. pair unduly.

WEAK OVERHEAD

The match was most entertaining when Gosano and Remedios were at their best at, especially when they were able to score with their forehand volley, which was their strongest point. In the other phases of netplay, however, they were weak; for instance when the Tsuis resorted to lobbing, neither Gosano nor Remedios was able to "kill". Nor were they any too sure in their backhand volleys.

Apart from a few sharp rallies, the Portuguese players failed to provide much opposition in the first set, which was won by the brothers with the loss of two games. An improvement was shown in the second set and Gosano and Remedios quickly went to a 3-1 lead. They were pulled back, however, and the Tsuis, winning four games in a row, established a 6-3 advantage before annexing the set in the tenth game. The surprise in the second doubles match was not because J. W. Leonard and George Choa won their encounter but because their opponents, F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang, put up such feeble resistance. Initially a very steady combination, Kwok and Liang were outplayed; they relied too much on defensive tactics which were of no avail against the fine placements of Leonard and Choa. Leonard played very steadily throughout.

LEE WAI-TONG THROUGH

Lee Wai-tong, the Chinese soccer idol, made further progress in the singles by overcoming a club-mate, Wong Shiu-wing. It was a far more one-sided affair than most people had expected; the winner conceded only one game in two sets and showed splendid form in the process.

In the remaining match of the day, W. Sander defeated J. A. H. Douglas by 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles. Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui beat A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios, 6-2, 6-4; J. W. Leonard and G. Choa beat S. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok, 6-2, 6-2.

Singles. Lee Wai-tong beat Wong Shiu-wing, 6-1, 6-0; W. Sander beat J. A. H. Douglas, 6-2, 6-2.

To-day's Programme

Singles.—Lee Wai-tong v. S. W. Liang; Paul Kong v. F. H. Kwok; W. Sander v. Tsui Wai-pui.
Doubles.—G. W. Liang and H. D. Runjan v. E. C. Fischer and W. C. Runjan (stand court).
Club champions.—G. W. Sewell v. J. C. Pool; T. A. Pearce v. J. L. Enallay.
Club handicaps.—E. J. H. Mitchell and M. B. Lloyd v. H. Owen Hughes and W. M. Barton.
Club handicaps mixed doubles.—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woodhouse v. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Storey; F. V. Harrison and Miss D. Dodwell v. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Prior.

Badminton Titles Retained

Miss Decima Eardley and Bob Mease, holders of the women's singles and men's singles Shanghai Badminton titles, retained their championships at the C.S.F. last week. Miss Eardley beat Mrs. Burton in the final of the women's singles championship, winning with the greatest ease by 11-1, 11-1 while Bob Mease beat A. O. Kow in the men's final by 11-7, 11-7 and 10-7.

ARMY SQUASH RACKETS

Rifle Brigade Beats Scots Greys

London, Mar. 2.

The Rifle Brigade, represented by Capt. A. C. Gore and F. A. V. Parker, beat the Royal Scots Greys (Major G. H. N. Todd and R. H. A. Gough-Calthorpe) in the final of the Army rackets doubles championship at Prince's Club, London, yesterday, by 4 games to 2 (18-13, 15-6, 12-15, 6-15, 18-13, 15-9). This is their fourth win since the competition started again in 1920.

Major Todd was hardly in the same class as the other three, and was, perfectly legitimately, played on to by his opponents. He served well at times and played some good shots in the rallies, but was inclined to break down when pressed.

A great deal of work was, consequently, thrown on Gough-Calthorpe, who worked heroically, especially in the third and fourth games. Gore and Parker were a better, balanced pair, though they could never afford to ease up.

THREW AWAY FIRST GAME

The Scots Greys should have won the first game, for they led 13-6, but Gore then got in and, finding his service, made the score level at 13-11, and Parker then won all the five points in the set. The Scots Greys were ahead at 4-3 in the second game and level at 5-5. Runs of 4 each by Parker and Gore, however, then served his hand out, made the game a certainty for the Rifle Brigade.

A closely fought third game saw the score level at 9-9. A 3 by Todd and 2 by Gough-Calthorpe, however, gave the Scots Greys a winning advantage, though Parker came along with a 3. The Rifle Brigade led 6-0 in the fourth game, but Gough-Calthorpe got in at 4-0 and went out for the game with a great run of 11.

The Scots Greys led 4-0 in the fifth, but Gore, serving well, made a run of 9 to lead 9-4. The Scots Greys drew up to 7-9, then Parker made 3, and the Rifle Brigade went ahead to 12-7. The electric light was then switched on, which seemed to suit Todd, who, with his best run of the match, a 4, gave the Scots Greys a 12-12 lead. Gore made one, the Scots Greys set 5, and Parker made all of them.

The losers made a good fight of it in the sixth game to 9-10, but Gough-Calthorpe's exertions were tiring him, and, playing hard on the Todd, the Rifle Brigade won the match without further loss.

Home Football

VALUABLE POINT DROPPED

Sheffield United Held To Draw

London, Mar. 28.

Sheffield United dropped a valuable point in the Second Division of the English Football League to-day. Playing at home against the lowly placed Swansea, they were held to a draw of 1-1.

Though Sheffield United are leading, together with Manchester United, in this division by one point, Aston Villa have three matches in hand over them and two over Manchester U.—*Reuter.*

LEAGUE TABLE

The leading positions in the Second Division are: P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Manchester U. 24 18 7 8 71 42 49
Sheffield U. 23 17 7 9 52 45 49
Aston Villa 22 17 8 7 50 27 44
Coventry 24 17 10 7 50 44



Arthur Fagg, Kent and England cricketer, who returned from Australia last year suffering from rheumatic fever and heart trouble, is now well enough to prepare for more cricket. Here he is at exercise on a rowing machine at his Tonbridge home.

Jake Kilrain Retains His Welter-Weight Title

By Vulcan

London, Feb. 22.

Jake Kilrain, the Scottish boxer, defending his British welter-weight title at Manchester last night for the first time since he won it in 1936, beat Jack Lord, of Bolton, on points.

After almost knocking out Lord in the ninth round, Kilrain won comfortably, in spite of the pluck of the challenger.

Without making excuses for a gallant failure, I would suggest that the task of getting down to the weight, in view of training difficulties caused by the death five days ago of his seven-month-old daughter, had as much to do as anything else with Lord's defeat.

I gave Lord only three of the fifteen rounds, with four of the others level. He was a good loser and his clean hitting with the left hand provided the only class boxing that I was able to discern in a "contest" that was hardly deserving of the word "fight". Many of the widely boomed "needle" fights have been much less keen than this.

Both men held far too often and Kilrain made himself unpopular by hitting on the break.

Still, Kilrain was the better man; he hit harder, even if he did not box quite so well.

A perfect right to the face sent the Bolton boxer through the ropes in the ninth round. The referee counted eight while Lord lolled through the ropes and when he came back with his eyes glazing he seemed out on his feet, with a minute to go to the bell.

It was at this point that I thought Kilrain revealed his lack of real championship class. He missed his chance and a dazed Lord was able to bob about more by instinct than by any other quality and save himself until the bell came to his rescue. Eddie Eiderick, the Liverpool welter-weight, defeated Jimmy Purcell (Australia) on points over ten rounds.

Football Star Gives Up At 26

Although five doctors have certified him fit, Tom Caldwell, Swansea Town full-back, declares that he is incapable of playing football and the club have terminated his contract. Caldwell, who is 26, was considered to be one of the best defenders in the Second Division.

After a private trial game last August he developed synovitis of the knee and has since been subjected to tests by specialists at London, Newcastle, and Cardiff.

Caldwell told the Sunday Dispatch that he could not accept the opinion of the specialists and was not prepared to undergo an operation.

Every time he kicked the ball, he said, he felt a pain in the knee.

Swansea Town, in view of the medical opinions, are satisfied that Caldwell is physically fit, and it is stated had offered him every inducement to return to the game.

"R. ABBIT'S" ARTICLE ON FRIDAY

"R. Abbit's" description of the play-off between the Indian R.C. and the Craigavon C.C. having appeared yesterday, the next article by this well-known cricket scribe will be published on Friday.

Cricket Shield Replay

The senior Shield cricket replay between Craigavon and the Indian Recreation Club, which was abandoned on Saturday owing to rain, will be played next Saturday on the Hongkong C.C. ground.

JACK HOBBS AND THE 8 BALL OVER

No Reason To Revise Views

In view of the trial which is being given to the eight ball over in the season of 1939 it is interesting to recall what Jack Hobbs said on returning from his 1924-25 trip to Australia:

"If I were a fast bowler I should be dead against it, because in my opinion it is all in favour of the batsman. The aversion that our own skipper (Arthur Gilligan) had to the Australian custom was shared in equal degree by Maurice Tate, Dick Tyldesley and Frank Woolley."

IN A CASUAL WAY

"Jack Gregory owned up to me that he bowled two out of the eight in a casual way, and I did not want him to tell me that. I found it out myself at the wicket. But those who suggest that bowlers saved up the best of their skill for the last two balls of the over were drawing a little on their imagination. It is not customary for bowlers who want wickets to let the batsmen know too much about their plan of campaign."

Now writes Frank Thorogood: Jack Hobbs assures me that what he said in 1925 on the subject of the eight ball over he still adheres to today.

M. S. Nichols (Essex) thinks that the eight ball over should not prove a strain to fast bowlers if properly supported. If they had a batsman tied up the extra balls might beat him, whereas additional deliveries might help him (when he was seeing the ball) to score a few more runs each over.

R. W. V. Robins (Middlesex captain) does not think that the eight ball over will make the slightest difference to slow-medium or slow bowlers. On the Australia tour he did not consider our fast bowlers felt any extra strain, but hours were shorter.

"Pat" Hendren (Everyman's cricketer) says the eight ball over saves time, and that was what the public required. They wanted their money's worth. Hendren's contention is supported by Sir Pelham Warner, who declared that a slow watch-test had shown a saving of 100 minutes per day. Voce and Larwood (Notts) oppose the eight ball over.

NEW SCORING PLAN

In reference to the newer method of calculating scores, Robins and Holmes each think that it will induce

GOAL IS MIGHTIER THAN THE TRY

International Evidence Points That Way

By Leo Munro

London, Mar. 1.

Goal-kicking is still the most important art in Rugby football. International evidence, at any rate, points that way.

Many people hold that the try is mightier than the goal. Well, let them study the championship table to date, on which the Scots are placed as the only country with a chance of winning the "triple crown."

Wales outscored Scotland by two tries to one. But a conversion and a penalty goal made the points tally 8-6 in favour of Scotland.

So to last Saturday, when Scotland and Ireland each collected four tries. There was, however, this difference—two conversions, one dropped goal, one penalty goal for Scotland, against just one conversion to Ireland's Irish score.

These figures convey a moral. It may be early to touch on Calcutta Cup match prospects, but, in view of Scottish goal-kicking strength, English supporters must take a lot of comfort as they think of marksmen Graham Parker.

SCORERS COMPARED

The Scotland v. Ireland match strengthened an old idea which seemed in danger of being shaken—the idea that wing three-quarters should do most of the try-scoring. It worked out fairly well on Saturday. Forrest (2), Drummond, and Moran scored four of the eight tries.

But it has not gone on copy-book lines, taking present-season international matches in general.

Try-scoring nowadays in such tests may depend more on opportunism than convention. The reason, perhaps, is that so many players, backs and winging forwards, swarm in midfield to upset orthodox open attack. This may be right or wrong. The fact remains that forwards, not wing three-quarters, are top try-scorers, on aggregate, for the four international matches decided this season.

Most departments, indeed, find their moments. I work it out that nine tries were scored by forwards, seven (four of them in one match) by wing three-quarters, four by centres, four by stand-off halves, two by scrum halves.

The most successful player in this line was Welsh forward McCarley, with three tries.

MORE CHANGES

Defeat by Scotland led to another overhaul of the Irish team for the match against Wales, at Swansea next week.

Two new centres, Torrens—who has been tried as stand-off half—and McKibben, replace Bailey and McMahon, dropped, reluctantly we may feel sure, after being partners in eight consecutive inter-departmental matches.

The other changes mean the recall of old caps, Boyle on the left wing, C. E. Beamish, Mayne, and Sayers in the pack.

Irish fans can be no more than modestly hopeful. Their country, barring further changes, will have called on twenty-five different players for three matches this season. Such chops and changes tell against team-work.

The half-backs, Morgan and Cromey, form the only department

left undisturbed throughout the tournament.

Yet Ireland deserve sympathy. If only their defence had been as strong as the attack. It seems bad luck to score twenty-eight points in two games and lose both.

Lawn Tennis

Kho Sin-kie Scores A Double

Miss Hoahing Beaten In Women's Final

By A. Wallis Myers

Nice, Feb. 28.

Through Kho Sin Kie, China won two South of France titles here to-day, but in the women's singles final Miss Hoahing was beaten by Miss Gracyn Wheeler, of California.

Playing perfect tennis for two sets, Kho Sin Kie beat Ellmer by 6-1, 2-6, 6-0, 8-6; thus retaining the championship. His second victory was in the doubles with Brugnon, the holders beating Austin and Rogers, 6-2, 6-3, 3-0, 1-0, 6-2.

Brugnon found many openings for his famous forehand drive. Rogers is not a great volleyer, and, with Austin short of match practice, the pair did not shine in the first two sets. Brugnon then fired visibly and the Anglo-Irish couple squared the match, only to find Brugnon restored and Kho Sin Kie strong overhead in the final set.

Miss Wheeler's keen attacking game, with cunning drop-shots drawing her opponent forward, proved too much for the little Chinese girl. She made a fine effort in the first set, after losing the first four games, but the Californian's pressure all round the court was too severe in the second set, and the diminutive Gem was overwhelmed.

Two recent convalescents, Mlle. Jedzrejowska and Mme. Mathieu, swept through the women's doubles final, conceding Mlle. Weivers and Mlle. St. Omer Roy only two games.

Another surprising result was the defeat of King Gustav and Miss Scott in the final of the mixed doubles handicap. Their conquerors were Dr. Casserman, the Klog's physician, and Miss Greenless.

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CRICKET COMMISSION COLD-SHOULDERED

NO REDUCTION OF COUNTIES: NEW SCORE PLAN

London, Feb. 23.

Dealing at Lord's yesterday with the report of the M.C.C. Commission appointed last year to inquire into the financial and other problems of the county game the Advisory County Cricket Committee rejected the majority of its recommendations.

On the other hand, the committee decided that in 1939 the eight-ball over should be tried in first-class cricket, and this was not a recommendation of the Commission. Two of the most discussed recommendations turned down were: (1) That championship competitors be reduced from 17 to 15 and (2) a £20,000 Cricket Fund be established to help needy counties.

This would seem to indicate that the counties will now, according to previous custom, receive a share of the receipts of the last M.C.C. tour in Australia.

POOLING TURNED DOWN

Two other suggestions rejected yesterday included (1) the pooling of gates from matches between county and overseas teams, starting on Saturdays, with those of Wednesday starts; and (2) that no professional should accept invitation to tour overseas unless consent of M.C.C. be obtained.

Verdict of the Committee in relation to the latter was that as the professional was the servant of the county, the county authorities should decide the point.

The rejection of the registration scheme elicited this remark from an official of one of the poorer counties: "It is a pity they have not accepted. We don't mind a 12 months' qualification period, but two years hit us badly."

He went on to urge that if a county could strengthen a side with imported talent it would benefit opponents because they would be given a more attractive game.

NEW SCORING SCHEME

The recommendation to revise the scoring scheme has been accepted. Points awarded to a side losing on first innings in an unfinished match are abolished and first innings points are awarded to a side which leads on first innings and are retained, even if that side loses match on the second day.

Full regulations are: (a) Should a match be finished, the winning side to score four points. (b) Should a match be finished, the losing side to score two points. (c) Should a match be finished, the side which leads on the first innings, if it does not win the match, score four points.

(d) Should a match not be finished, the side which leads on the first innings, if it does not win the match, score four points. (e) Should a match not be finished, the side which leads on the first innings, if it does not win the match, score four points.

(f) Should there be no play in a match, or no result on the first innings, the match shall not be included in the table of results. (g) For a three days' match there is no play on the first two days, the match shall be played under the laws for "one-day matches," except that, and for the purpose of this competition, Law 54, which gives the right of declaration in a one-day match, shall not apply, and the following words shall be substituted: "No side shall declare its first innings closed until it has batted for at least 60 minutes."

(h) For the purpose of deciding the Championship the points gained shall be divided by the number of matches played, and the side which has the highest average shall be Champion County.

PREPARATION OF WICKETS

It was agreed that the preparation of wickets should not exceed what is required to make an interesting match, but this decision does not apply to Test matches.

Other recommendations supported concerned match regulations and the standardizing of ten-interval, which normally will be two hours and five minutes after end of the lunch interval, thus equalising periods of play.

A bone of contention for years—the five-minutes' rule—has been abolished. This was a local arrangement conflicting with the two minutes provided under Law 48, which says that only in the event of a wicket falling within two minutes of time shall a batsman be excused from going in.

ARMY BOXING CONTINUES

Novices Individual Championships

"Unbounded enthusiasm" best describes the fights last night in the middle and welter quarter-finals of the Army Novices Individual Championships at Murray Barracks. Two knock-outs, one technical, were registered, but in both cases, as in fact, even in all the other fights, the losers were accorded the slightly more generous applause for most plucky display.

What was possibly the best bout of the evening was the welter fight between Trumpeter Robinson (R.A.) and Pte. McCreedy (R. Scots). McCreedy won mainly on the margin of points which he established in the first round. His vicious right had no terrors for Robinson, who, though taking the greater punishment, was the aggressor throughout. The final round found them toe-to-toe from start to finish, and both had put so much into their bout that they appeared ready to fall through exhaustion. The closing blows, if they could be called such, would hardly have done a pat of butter.

Signalman Hutchinson (R.C. of Sigs.) was about the most gallant loser of all. He was almost "out" in the second round when the referee intervened. The first round started unfortunately for him when he ran on to Pte. McEln's (R. Scots) right. He was floored twice, but the second time was partly from tripping on the canvas. It was a gruelling fight, but he was still standing, but only just, when the fight was stopped.

Gunner Ross (R.A.), in the first welterweight bout, showed not the slightest hesitation in going for his opponent, but was unable to dodge hard right to the jaw and body and lost on points to Pte. Eaton (M'sex). In the remaining welterweight match, Sapper Pepper (R.E.) was outpointed by Pte. Coleman (M'sex). Both showed a knowledge of defence, which carried them comfortably through the three rounds, but as Pepper's attack consisted of all swings, he left important openings whereby Coleman gathered the necessary points.

Middleweight bouts. Only two fights were decided in the middleweights. For medical reasons Pte. How (M'sex) conceded a walk-over to Cpl. Lane (M'sex), and Pte. Caul (M'sex) did likewise to Pte. Eaton. This latter boxer had already been successful in his welterweight bout earlier on.

L/Cpl. Harris (M'sex) beat Pte. Gibb (R. Scots) on points. The use of a good uppercut might have laid Gibb low early in the bout as his favorite method of attack was to crouch with flailing arms. He did, however, make good use of his right in coming out of clinches, and more than once connected. It was amusing to hear a "sorry" for an unintentional low blow, and then in the next minute to see the apologise endeavour to lay his opponent low.

The air suffered a lot in the final fight of the evening, wherein Gunner Franklin (R.A.) knocked-out Pte. Scaton (M'sex). Wild blows seldom attained their mark, but when one did, Scaton was down, and was saved only by the gong. He did not last long in the second round, however. He could not have fully recovered from his first knock-down, for the blow which terminated the bout was not particularly hard.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Individual Semi-finals. Lightweights.—Pte. Barker (R. Scots) v. Pte. Chaitan (M'sex); Pte. Chalkfield (M'sex) v. Pte. Lusham (M'sex).

Welterweights.—Pte. McBain (R. Scots) v. Pte. Coleman (M'sex); Pte. McCreedy (R. Scots) v. Pte. Eaton (M'sex).

Middleweights.—Cpl. Lane (M'sex) v. Spr. Spence (R.E.); L/Cpl. Harris (M'sex) v. Gnr. Franklin (R.A.). Light-heavyweights.—Bmdr. Page (R.A.) v. Pte. Foulkes (M'sex).

REFEREES MEET

The half-monthly meeting of the Referees' Association was held last night. Mr. H. Richards acted as Chairman in the absence of Mr. T. G. Stokes.

Apart from general business, many interesting and problems relating to quick decisions on the part of the referee were discussed.



Going over the score for an important song in RKO Radio's "Music for Madams." Joan Fontaine, Nathaniel Shilkret and Nino Martini are shown between scenes of the musical production. Shilkret is the musical director for the picture and Martini stars, with Joan Fontaine in the feminine lead. This picture opens soon at the Queen's Theatre.

Jock McAvoy Batters His Man Helpless

Jock McAvoy (Rochdale), British cruiser-weight champion, knocked out Jack Strongbow (West Hartlepool), in the sixth round at Belle Vue, Manchester, last month.

Mr. Syd Hulls, the matchmaker of Harringay, where Jock McAvoy defends his title against Len Harvey on March 23, was present, anxious that nothing in the way of injury should befall the British champion. Any chance that there might be a turn-up was quickly dispelled.

Strongbow, after taking six counts, walked into one of a barrage of left hooks and was counted out in the sixth round. He lay flat on his back, rolled over, rose on one knee, and just failed to beat the count.

COUNT AFTER COUNT

It was more a massacre than a fight. McAvoy gave 2st and a terrific amount of punishment to his opponent. Yet, seeing that he was down for eight, eight and nine as early as the second round, Strongbow can be said to have done well to have gone so far.

It was a good try-out for McAvoy, although in Harvey he will not have to meet such a mountain of flesh as his last night's opponent. All that could be said for Strongbow was that he fought gamely what was a losing battle almost from the first song.

Aldo Spaldi (Italy) beat Joe Connolly (Scotland), whose seconds threw in the towel in the second of a bout scheduled for ten rounds.

WOMEN'S TEAM RACE

A team race for women representing Civilian and the United Services held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday resulted in a win for the United Services 47 points to 29.

The start was made at 14.45 and the distance was eight miles.

Civilian			
Eve Gull	16.38.56 (Miss Padgett)	16.38.40 (Miss Crawhall)	16.38.40 (Miss Wilson)
True Blue	16.35.55 (Mrs. Stanton)	16.35.52 (Mrs. J. Smith)	16.35.52 (Mrs. K. Tren-
Carpenter	16.35.52 (Mrs. J. Smith)	16.35.52 (Mrs. K. Tren-	16.35.52 (Mrs. K. Tren-
Jean	16.35.52 (Mrs. J. Smith)	16.35.52 (Mrs. K. Tren-	16.35.52 (Mrs. K. Tren-
Total			
29			
United Services			
Artemis	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)
Norid	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)
Deedbank	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)
Kittiwake	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)
Painted Lady	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)
La Linda	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)	16.35.54 (Mrs. P. Tullo)
Total			
47			

BASEBALL STARTS

Applying Breaks Ankle Through Sliding

Los Angeles, March 27.

In the first practice match of the baseball season, the Chicago White Sox beat the Chicago Cubs by 7 runs to nine. An accident marred the game when Luke Appling, the Whitesox infield, broke his right ankle while sliding in.

Mr. Dykes, the manager, was almost in tears when the nature of the injury became known, and stated that Appling "would have had one of the best seasons for years." He said that he was sorry for his own as well as the team's sake.—United Press.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS

The Annual Athletic Meet of the Hongkong University will be held on the athletic ground Pokfulam, on Wednesday, April 13, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, has consented to distribute the prizes.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The distribution of prizes for cricket, tennis, bowls and billiards will take place in conjunction with the Kowloon Cricket Club's annual concert which will be held on Saturday, April 16, at 9.15 p.m.

Hare Beaten In French Championships

Outclassed By Schroeder In Paris

Paris, Feb. 18.

Great Britain continued to do poorly when the French covered courts championships were resumed at the Coubertin Stadium here today, and the British hope of winning the men's singles went when C. E. Hare was beaten in the quarter-finals by the Swede, K. Schroeder, who won by 6-1, 12-10, 6-1.

Except in the second set, which went to 22 games, Schroeder had no difficulty in out-manoeuvring Hare.

Schroeder, who won the British covered courts title in 1936 and lost it to H. W. Austin last year, was playing right up to his best form, and completely outclassed the Englishman, who was powerless against the machine-like accuracy of the Swedish player's volleys.

In other quarter-final matches C. Boussus defeated J. Jamain by 7-5, 6-3, 6-2, Y. Petra beat P. Feret by 2-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2, and B. Destremat beat J. Pallada, of Yugoslavia, by 12-14, 4-6, 6-2, 8-6, 6-1.

The finalists in the women's singles will be the holder, Mlle. S. Panetter, and Mme. A. Neufeld-Half, who are equal fourth in the French rankings. Mlle. Panetter beat Mlle. J. Horner by 6-1, 6-3, in the semi-final, and Mme. Neufeld-Half beat Mlle. J. Goldschmidt by 6-4, 9-7.

C. M. Jones (Great Britain) and Mlle. J. Horner (France) beat an all-British pair, R. A. Shays and Miss M. C. Scriven, by 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, in the quarter-finals of the mixed doubles.—Reuter.

HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club's 1st XI in a match against the officers of H.M.S. Medway on the Club ground at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30:

V. M. Benwell; J. E. Potter and E. V. Reed; G. Sommer, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; S. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. B. Divett (Capt.), B. I. Bickford and V. Bond.

JOCKEY THROWN BY MOUNT

Mr. K. S. Shu, the Northern jockey, was thrown at Happy Valley this morning during training exercises. Whilst taking out Lucky Seven, a 1938 subscription griffin belonging to Mr. Lucky, he was thrown near the six furlongs post, but fortunately escaped with just a shaking.

SNOOKER FINAL

The final of the Club de Recreo Snooker Championship between A. P. Pereira and J. C. Remedios will be played at the Club de Recreo tomorrow at 6 p.m.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Mar. 25	Mar. 27
Paris	163.8	164.4
Geneva	21.03 1/2	21.07 1/2
Berlin	12.37 1/2	12.30 1/2
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	94 1/2	94 1/2
Oslo	19.90	19.90
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.40 1/2	19.40 1/2
Helsingfors	22.0 1/2	22.0 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	4.95 1/2	4.95 1/2
Vienna	26 1/2	26 1/2
Amsterdam	8.96 1/2	8.96 1/2
Prague	142	152 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
Bombay	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2
Montreal	4.98 1/2	4.98 1/2
Brussels	29.44	29.44
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	210	210
Bucharest	67 1/2	67 1/2
Montevideo	21 1/2	21 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot)	20 1/2	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	20 1/2	20 1/2
War Loan	101 1/2	101 1/2

—British Wireless.

Mystery Telegram Stops Big Rugby Match

London, Feb. 27.

Who sent a mysterious telegram that robbed Dorset of the Rugby "match of the season" between Bournemouth and West Dorset yesterday?

The spectators who waited in vain, the West Dorset players who changed for nothing, and the Bournemouth players who were kept from the match—all would like to know.

For an hour the West Dorset side, ready to play, sat idle in the pavilion at their ground at Dorchester.

Then the match was abandoned, after only one of the Bournemouth players had arrived.

Later, the secretary of the Bournemouth Rugby Club, Mr. Vincent Morris, said that at about 1.20 p.m., just before the team was preparing to start for Dorchester, he received a telegram from Salisbury at his house, which read: "Ground closed. Cattle disease."

Mr. Morris added: "As I knew no Bournemouth club had a fixture at Salisbury, I concluded the wire referred to our match at Dorchester, as it was sent to me."

He thought probably one of the West Dorset team might have been at Salisbury and sent the wire from there."

Mr. Morris immediately warned his team not to go, though one player

An Amateur

One who plays for plus 2 and wants 4 up when he plays me for £1 or more—

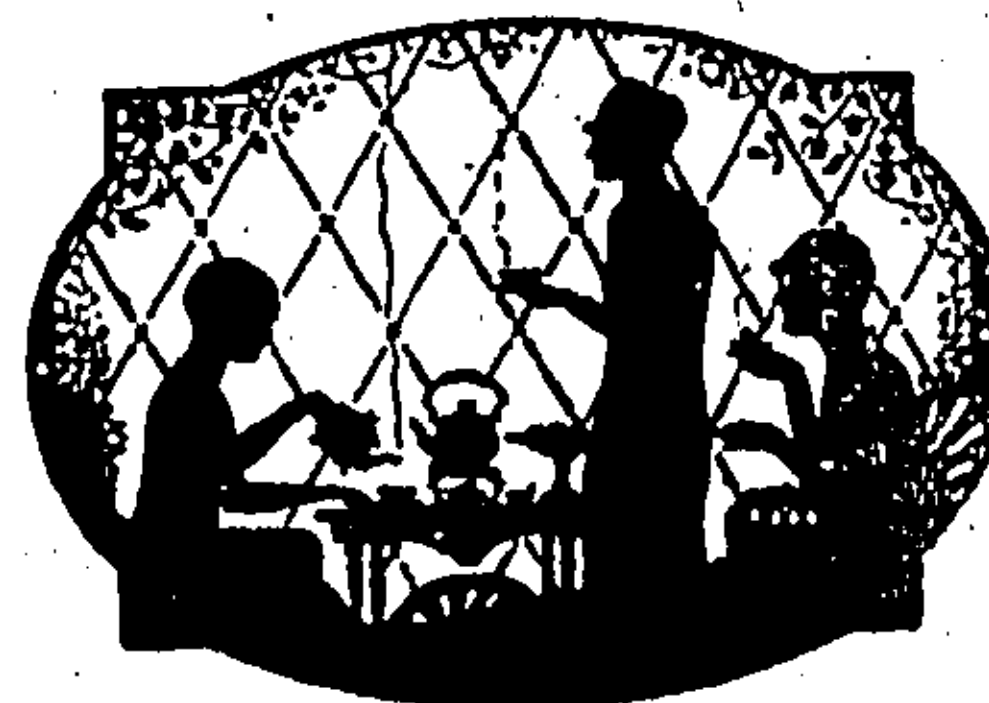
That was Henry Cotton's definition of an amateur in a speech at the Professional Golfers' Association dinner in London last month.

went before the warning.

Since then he had seen a number of the West Dorset club members, and they had been unable to explain the telegram.

The two clubs did meet last night, however—at supper at Wimborne.

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Chapter V

"Good evening, Your Imperial Highness—Excellency!"

The head waiter, in purple and gold lace, bowed low as Tatiana and Mikail entered the colourful meeting place of the White Russian refugees. Tatiana blazed—the waiters were resplendent in Cossack costumes—an entertainer was dancing with a dagger between his teeth—and the guests sang, drank their vodka, and shattered their glasses with wild gusto.

Georges Dupont and his pretty sister Helene congratulated themselves on having found the right night-club and hurried toward Tatiana and Mikail who were surrounded by retainers and old friends. "Aren't you surprised to find us here?" Helene called excitedly. "I happened to hear—accidentally—that you were coming here and..."

Georges finished her sentence, "And we've got a table for four..." In spite of interruptions Tatiana found time to dance with Georges who made puppy love to her, by saying, in the Russian he had learned from a book, "Ja was loublov" supposed to mean I love you. Tatiana told him that the way he said it, it meant "little sick dog," and cut him to the quick by laughing out-gestously. Helene's efforts to make love to Mikail were equally deplorable.

The excitement of the evening came when Mikail recognized and denounced a spy who tried to lure him to Gorotchenko—under the pretence that a dying friend had sent for him. As Mikail's words lashed out at the offender, Helene listened with growing sentimentality.

Go back to Tovoravich Gorotchenko who sent you!" shouted Mikail as the man covered before him. "Tell him that you found us in good health and happy, and not over-enthusiastic about taking a trip to an unknown destination! He may seize me... but my right hand... but not my signature!"

"Not a billion... not a million... not a thousand..." Tatiana chimed in. "Not a soul!" Mikail finished. "And now repeat it!" The spy did so as if the knot was even then on his back. Then he departed in haste. The balalaikas cried out—the dancers danced—the glasses of the drinkers were shattered—and Helene and Georges left determined to leap from their parents' their escapade, but to come again.

The next day both of the young Duponts continued their pursuit of the astonishing servants. Helene was helping Mikail set the table. Georges at the heels of Tatiana as she made the beds. "I am only happy, Tatiana, when I tipple down the stairs at night, and when you sing and deal the cards with those exquisite little hands!" Things were in quite a disturbing state when Papa Dupont arrived, reprimanded his son for rudeness and sent him to his room after which he all but declared his own feelings for Tatiana.

They were having a light impressive guests for dinner that night and Madame Dupont was giving Mikail and Tatiana their orders.

"Mikail—you are to serve the cocktails, if you will—and Tina, my dear, you serve the Sakovska. I've engaged an extra servant to be at the door and do the announcing."

"Yes, madame," he stammered. "Very good, madame," said Mikail. Madame Dupont went to her husband's side. "Have you spoken to them..." she asked softly, "about our guest of honour?" She called to Tatiana and Mikail, who were about to leave the room. They stopped. "I was about to speak about our honour guest..." he stammered. "I appreciate the fact that your sympathies are with the cause of White Russia..." "Yes, sir..." answered Mikail, wondering.

"Naturally we... ah... understand your devotion to your former employers—the Prince and Princess. "May they be blessed and preserved," murmured Tatiana devoutly. "But there are times when political differences are apt to be embarrassing... at the... er... dinner to-night... there will be a number of important people... oil people... international oil people... French... English... Dutch... and my own..."

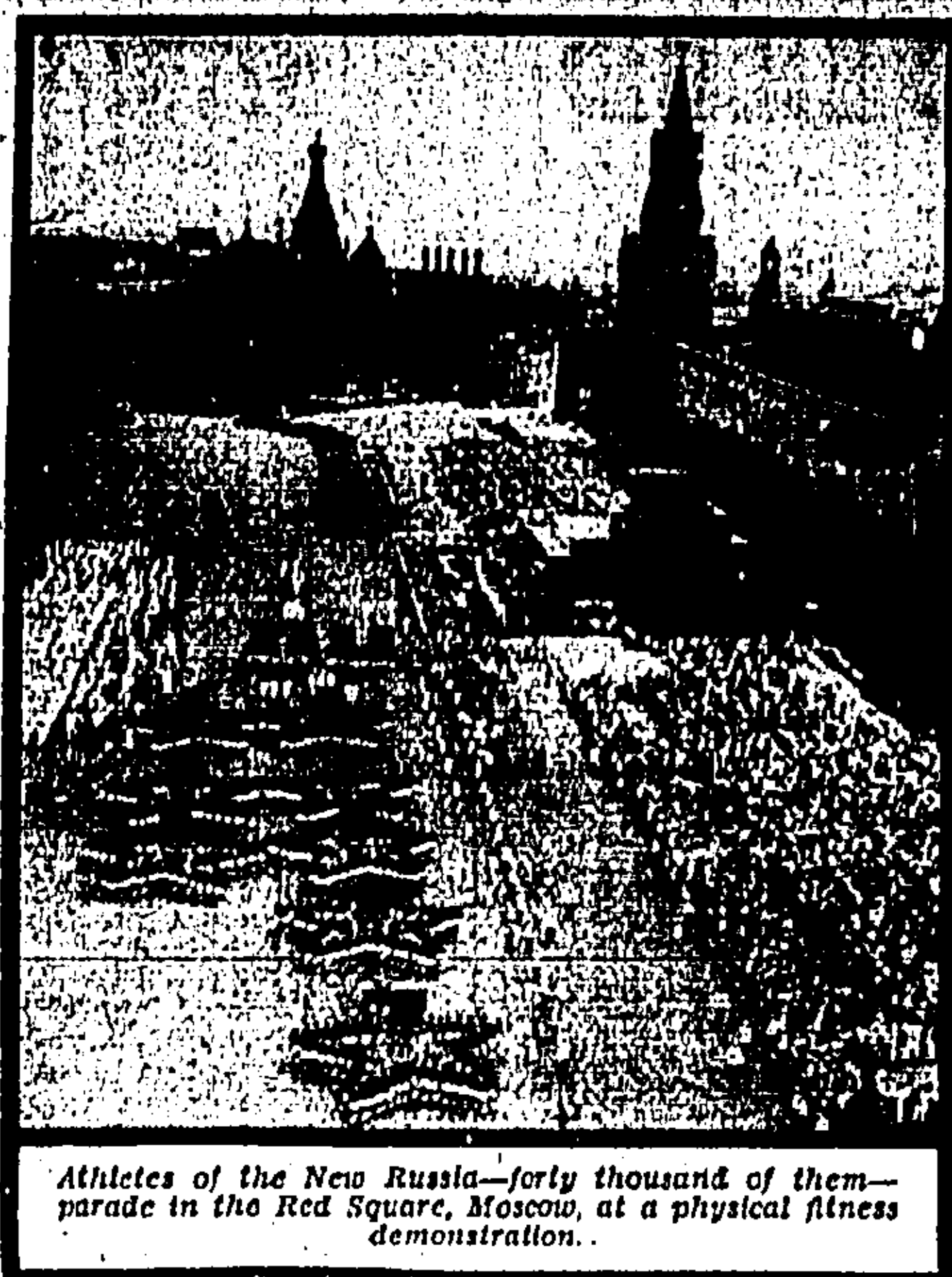
"For goodness' sake, Charles, come to the point," Madame Dupont interrupted impatiently. "Our guest of honour to-night is to be the Soviet Commissar—Commissar Gorotchenko."

"You doubtless have heard of him..." Mikail said he had. "I've never met the man," continued Madame, fondling Fil. "I imagine he is pretty much of a boor, but we must do all we can to put him at his ease..."

"He is a most cultivated man, madame," said Mikail calmly, "with a very lively wit. It was he who composed that immortal sentence which was engraved on the door of the Loubanska Prison: 'Four walls for punishment are three too many'."

"Well, Gorotchenko is representing all interests..." "He was not always in oil," said Mikail. "When he was chief of the investigating staff of the Tcheka, my former master, Prince Ouratien, had some dealings with him. Yes, sir..."

"Mikail veiled his bitterness well. "During the interview Gorotchenko caused a lighted cigarette to be placed between the fingers of my master..." "I believe Monsieur and Madame are not interested in hearing any more," said Madame Dupont.



Athletes of the New Russia—forty thousand of them—parade in the Red Square, Moscow, at a physical fitness demonstration.

NOVELS

MAYBE there is no fool like an old fool, but J. L. Hodson has written a rattling good yarn about one in Mr. Arkwright's Marriage (Gollancz, 7s. 6d.).

I was interested in Mr. Arkwright from the start. A widower and Lancashire to his watch-chain, he had a hundred thousand pounds "safely tucked away." Yet he lived like a retired bank-clerk, pottering round the house, playing violin duets with his old friend, Joe, and surveying the world with a knowledgeable air.

Then he went on a cruise and met the young, red-haired, green-eyed and dashing Kitty Donovan. He fell in love with her and, in due course, as I could have warned him, she took Mr. Arkwright for a ride. A night story, it entertained me to the end. Hearing the neighbours gossip ("There's more gets wed than does weel. 'I'm sayin' now, but he'll do w' watchin'..."), nodding to them as they walked in and out, I feared I was up at Blackpool for the day.

★ ★ ★
NO tonic wind blows through The Chute, by Albert Halper (Cassell, 6s. 6d.), though the pace is killing and the talk is loud.

For, this time, we are on the floor of a monster mail-order concern in Chicago, dodging the sorters and packers as they race up and down like madmen feeding the chute.

"Suddenly Paul stood rooted. Towering eighteen feet above him, the opening was immense, the biggest mouth on earth! Merchandise was pouring from it like lava, rushing into troughs."

"Mounted high on a wooden platform, a crew of ten separators was working desperately, diverting the flowing mass with wooden prongs. The packages, falling of their own weight from the chute-mouth, zoomed along the inclines at breakneck speed. A landslide was falling, a landslide of goods."

That's how the Middle Western farmers get their shirts and their overalls, their corduroys and their woolen stockings. And the Golden Rule Mail-Order Company sees that they get them on time, even if it has to employ boys on roller-skates to whizz the mail-sacks along.

Mr. Halper, who was always worth watching, arrives with *The Chute*, a novel of industrial ruthlessness from that Land of Liberty where they sell ruthlessness with the largest of large Rs. It made me dizzy to look up from the pages. It'll get you, too.

★ ★ ★
IF you spent your working days acting in melodramas, would you come to talk like a heroine—or a villain—in your off-stage hours? Some of the characters in Louis Lynch d'Alton's novel, *Rags and*

says Mr. Peppercorn:

WHAT does a miser have at the back of his mind when he starts to scrape and save? I've seen it said that money gives that urges him on, but that gets him nowhere, as he doesn't use it.

If the idea is to have a good time for the last few years of his life, that gets him nowhere either, as he mustn't start too soon and as never starts at all.

It can't be that he wants other folk to envy him his wealth as he never lets on, and the only thing you can be sure about is that what happens when he dies and others scoop the pool isn't what he intended.

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Which Way for Russia?

Review by Professor George Catlin

SIR WALTER CITRINE is like the man from Dundee. He wants to know why. We have here a new edition with important additions, at a price surprisingly cheap, of the record of his tour in Russia (I Search for Truth in Russia, Routledge, 3s. 6d.).

It is popularly written. It contains new facts that we want to know. It is a startlingly courageous book.

The last chapter is of especial interest. Remarkably fairly it reviews up to date, since 1935, the rise of production in Russia, the frequent rise of prices, the alleged conspiracy in the Army and the removal of the presidents of every one of the federated Republics, the facts that explain the present difficulty of negotiation between the Russian Trade Unions and the I.F.T.U. Citrine shows a Trade Union organiser's thoroughness. His facts have never been challenged.

He asked the prices that workers had to pay for goods. I was in Russia, in 1935, for rather longer than the Webbs on their secret tour. On looking over my notes, I find that the figures I took down almost exactly accord with Citrine's.

Citrine inquired into the housing—but not precisely the housing pointed out by Intourist.

He had been told that housing was particularly good in Bakou. He had a look at shacks accommodating not a few, but thousands. "The whole place looked vile," I said so.

Abstractions
"But this is what the millionaires left, Comrade Citrine."

"The millionaires are not operating the oil-fields now... Eighteen years after the revolution you are still allowing your people to live here."

"You cannot get away from the fact that it is the Soviet's economic policy which has aggravated this situation. In your haste to develop your natural resources, you have left these wretched people to manage as best they can." Briefly, Citrine's case is that Soviet Russia has become a Land of Abstractions, behind the screen of which powerful men plot or develop a giant State economy.

The answer given, when Citrine asked for an explanation, was that the people must tighten their belts until the country could feel safe to resist the attack of its enemies, both economic and military.

It is important to allow for the vital fact that the Soviet Union is a multi-racial State whose people have been brought up, day by day, to believe in the imminence of capitalist attack. The Russian workers live amid the enthusiasm and difficulties of almost war-time conditions. Above all, they feel their land is their own. It was

Lenin who said that the Soviets had inherited a broken-down country.

Citrine clearly and rightly points out that in judging Russia, one must always decide whether one is comparing what has been made by the Soviets of this "broken-down country" with the outside Social Democratic world, or even capitalist world—or whether one is comparing Soviet Russia with the Tsardom that Henry Novinson describes in *Dawn in Russia*.

The advance beyond the conditions of Tsardom has been astounding.

We must go further. Western countries may learn to their benefit from the great U.S.S.R. experiment, e.g., in social insurance provision, especially accident insurance, in the plans for free medical attention in the Poly-clinics (not always in practice), in communal services for women and in provision for the care of young children.

Whither?

Citrine's new, final chapter bears on this issue: Whither the Soviet Union? Will Revolution devour her own children?

Even at the time of his famous interview, here described, with Tomsky, at one time chairman of the All-Union Council of Trade Unions, who committed suicide, Citrine was not happy about the way things were going.

A vast country is in the building. Will it be a free country?

Citrine provides us with the facts up to date. The Webbs have provided the blue-prints of the future—"all for the workers." Citrine never for a minute forgets the existence of these plans.

This is the book of a man who has striven to keep his balances fair and his weights just. It is yet the book of a man who loathes totalitarianism.

He fights the battle of the human spirit against it, even when it displays itself in a system that has other aspirations.

Ponder This

However caused by its belief in the inevitability of war, Soviet Russia shows an immense responsibility to the workers' movement throughout the entire world. It cannot evade the obligation of Socialist criticism.

The rulers of Russia will do well to ponder, before pursuing their denunciation of Social Democracy, that those who profit by the emancipation of democracy are, in the last resort, the wreckers and enemies of the working class.

Sticks (Heinemann, 7s. 6d.), do, with gestures and everything. But then they are the harassed, hectic members of a small "fit-up" company touring the towns of Ireland.

I settled down comfortably in the atmosphere of this story of their loves and hates, lurid in the footlights. A night with the MacTansy Superlative Tereptory Players! It might be much worse.

But Mr. d'Alton must wipe some of the grease-paint off his prose. For instance, people don't peruse letters nowadays. They read them.

R.P.

For Your Library List..

*** My House in Malaga, by Sir Peter Chalmers Mitchell (Faber and Faber, 8s. 6d.).

*** Madame Curie, by her daughter, Eve (Heinemann, 12s.).

FICTION

** This, Man Murray, by William Cherran (Dent, 7s. 6d.).

** No News by Pamela Frankau (Heinemann, 7s. 6d.).

DETECTION

*** Artists in Crime, by Ngalo-Marsh (Eles, 7s. 6d.).

*** The Nursemaid Who Disappeared, by Philip MacDonald (Collins, 7s. 6d.).

*** First-rate.

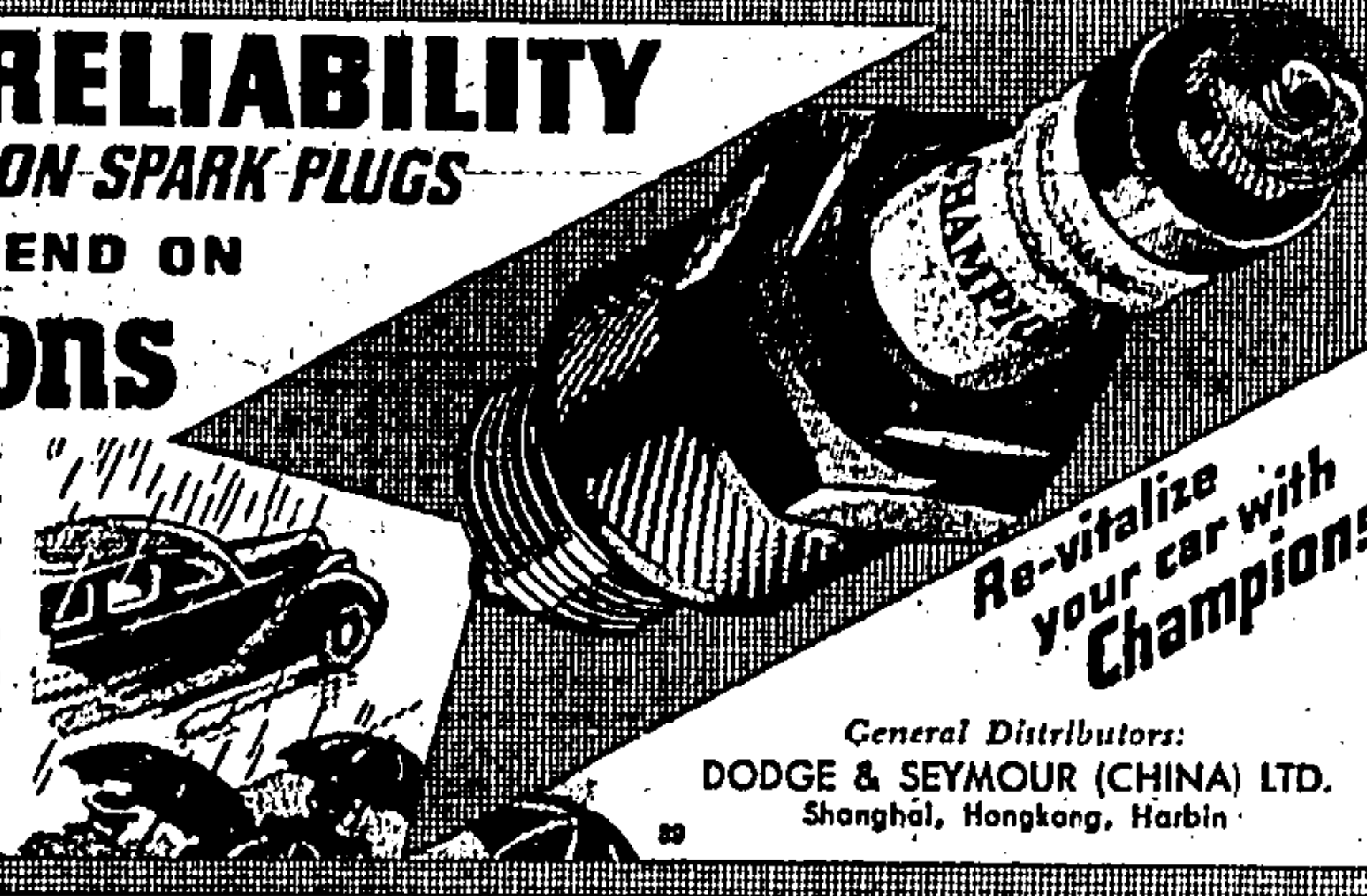
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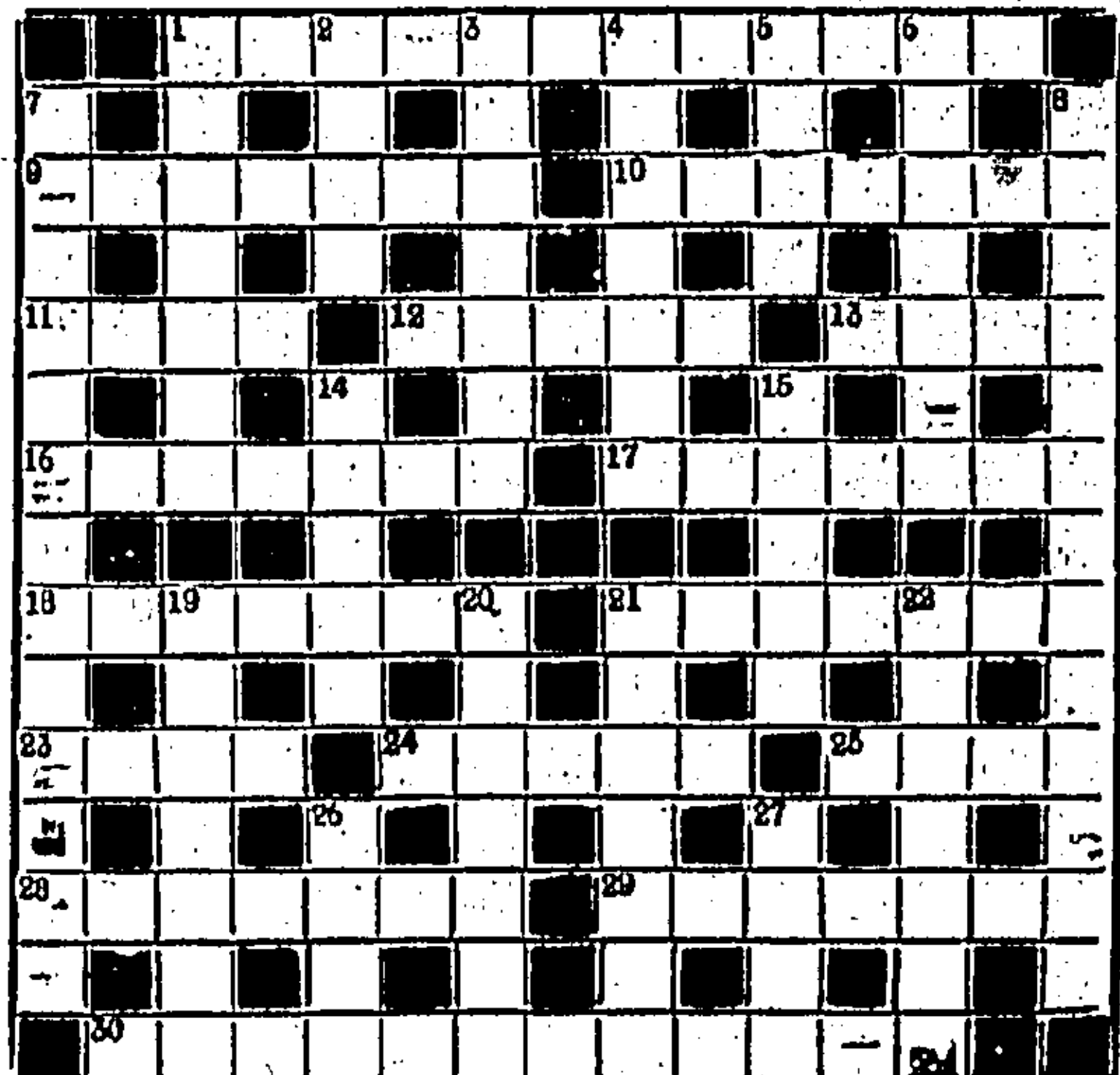
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ACROSS

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- The god of the final air (7).
- A language (7).
- A man often tears up this in a hurry (4).
- If this behended were this it would be a chestnut (5).
- This form of life is rather rough (4).
- Musical farewell to a vessel (7).
- He does not play to live, but lives to play (7).
- Debate (7).
- Colour receptacle, used on washing day (two words—4, 3).
- One comes after this (4).
- The crew of this vessel are at home in a blow (3).
- A correction of a correction (4).
- The Eastern change is scrious (7).
- He has set traps that have let many people down (7).
- "No sure prices" (anag.) (12).

DOWN

- If this leader lost his appropriate part he would be a murderer (7).
- This is indispensable in an announcement (4).
- A hindrance to getting things going (7).
- What animal is like a stream in part of India? (7).
- Displace (4).

6 This structure might be an Es-lidme on the latter part were used to make it (7).

7 Epithet for a novel situation (13).

8 A decomposed goat in-burying causes enquiry (13).

14 The shopper who gets more than this gets a bargain (6).

15 Not very definitely, and mostly a sherry business (5).

19 Punish (7).

20 What the Arabs are is apparently not all pain (7).

21 Heathen deity sounds like a tip straight from the horses' mouths (7).

22 If this cricketer lost heart he would become a servant (7).

28 This tells you where to write the solution (4).

27 This is mixed in, 8 down (4).

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BRITAIN
AIMS AT
SECURITYPrecautions Against
Bombing Raids

London, Mar. 28.
A Home Office circular to local authorities with regard to air raid precautions, says that where it is impossible for persons to shelter in their own houses, the local authorities will arrange to provide shelters, and it is also possible that trenches will be dug in the public parks to protect people living in the immediate neighbourhood against the effects of high explosive bombs.

In view of the reports from Spain and China, received at the Home Office, it is felt that it is almost impossible to make a shelter really proof against a direct hit from a high explosive bomb.

The circular points out that no single or comprehensive plan of evacuation is practicable, but if the necessity for large scale evacuation arose, it would be carried out in co-operation with the Government and the local authority.—Reuter.

SMALLPOX
DANGER
REMAINS

The number of smallpox cases since January 1 was brought above the 1,700 mark with a further 35 cases notified to the local health authorities yesterday.

Average daily number of cases during the past week is 19, compared with a daily average of 34 in the previous week.

Twenty-six of yesterday's cases were reported from the residential district of Victoria, eight of the remainder being reported from Kowloon and one from Shaukeiwan.

With the exception of Shaukeiwan, all centres reported cases of measles yesterday. Of nine cases four were in Victoria, one in Kowloon, three in Aberdeen and one in the New Territories.

Two cases of typhoid—one each in Victoria and Kowloon—a case of meningitis in Victoria and a case of dysentery in the New Territories, were also included in yesterday's returns.

COMMONS QUESTION
ON BREACHES OF
NON-INTERVENTION

London, Mar. 28.
The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs was asked in the House of Commons if it was the practice of the Government to bring to the notice of the Non-Intervention Committee all the verified breaches of the non-intervention agreement. Mr. Butler replied that the Government had asked the Non-Intervention Committee to investigate information regarding some of the 13 alleged breaches and since the observation scheme had been put into operation, there had not been the same necessity for individual Governments to bring to the notice of the committee alleged breaches.

The International Board was clearly in a far better position to secure evidence. The Minister strongly denied the suggestion of the Liberal Leaders, Sir Archibald Sinclair that the failure of the Government to bring breaches before the Non-Intervention Committee was due to the reluctance to have the Italian Government convicted.—British Wireless.

FINE WEATHER
FORECAST

Spring made its return to Hong-kong this morning, and warmer weather, with an appreciable drop in humidity, made a welcome change from the dull, gloomy days of the past week.

Temperature, which reached only 67 degrees during the whole of yesterday, climbed steadily this morning, and by noon had reached its maximum of 71.9 degrees.

Present conditions are likely to continue, the official forecast being moderate north-easterly winds and fair weather.

"THEY SAY
I AM
A TYRANT"Hitler Attacks
Democrats

Berlin, Mar. 28.
Germany is becoming prouder, richer, more beautiful and self-confident, declared Herr Adolf Hitler in a speech to 20,000 people at the Sportpalast to-night. He demanded that every German vote in the "Austrian" plebiscite on April 10.

He said: "He who wants to condemn us shall write his 'No.'"

He declared that more National-Socialists had been murdered in Austria than in the whole of Germany.

"They say I am a tyrant and these murderers are supposed to be democrats. The whole world praises them and, just as in Spain, the democratic hypocrites do not care a hoot, but they suddenly wake up when a Jew in Vienna loses his business."

AMERICAN
STATESMAN
MOURNEDCol. E. M. House
Dead, Aged 80

New York, Mar. 28.
The death is announced of Colonel Edward Mandell House, one of the United States delegates to the peace negotiations in 1919, at the age of 80.

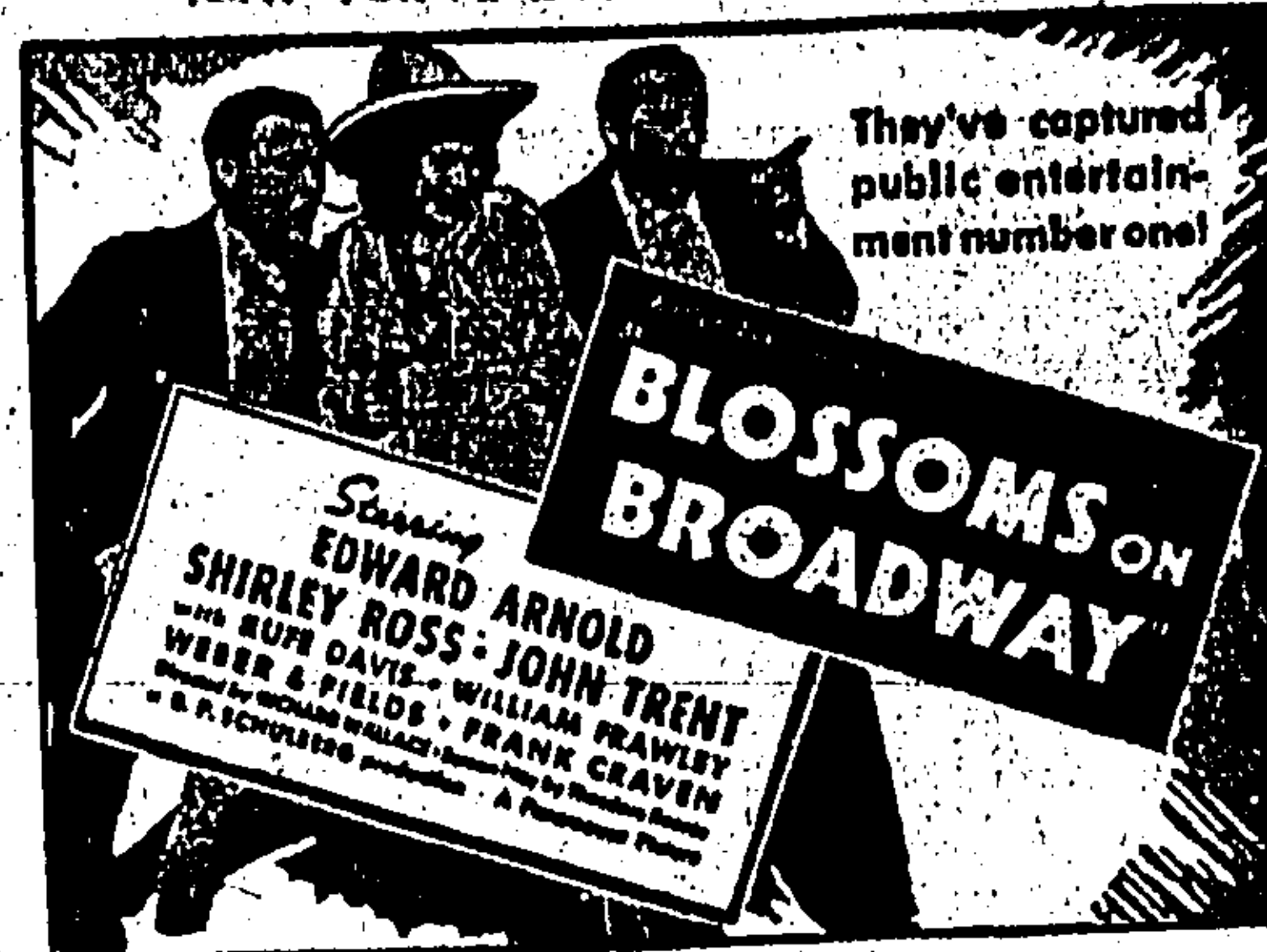
Colonel House was personal representative of President Wilson to the European governments in 1914, 1915 and 1916, and in 1917 he was appointed by the President to gather and organize data that would be needed at the eventual peace conference.

He was designated to represent the United States at the making of the armistice between the Allied and Associated Powers and the Central Powers at Versailles in 1918, and he was United States Peace Commissioner at Versailles from 1918 to 1919. He was a member of the Commission charged by the Peace Conference to make the Covenant of the League of Nations, and he was also a member of the Commission on Mandates in London, 1919.

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SEVEN FEARED
KILLED IN
PLANE CRASH

London, Mar. 28.
A long distance flying boat crashed off Brest during the Fleet exercises to-day. It is feared the crew of six and one pressman are lost. The bodies of the crew have been recovered.—Reuter Special.

DAEDALUS DUE
FROM SOUTH

The Imperial Airways liner Daedalus is not expected in Hongkong until 3 p.m. to-day having been delayed. The aircraft will leave for Bangkok to-morrow morning. Mail will be accepted at the General Post Office for this return trip up to 4 p.m. for registered mail and up to 5 p.m. for ordinary mail.

DESIRE TO RE-EXAMINE
PHILIPPINES STATUS

Manila, Mar. 28.
Mr. Paul McNutt, United States High Commissioner in the Philippines, and President Manuel Quezon, have not revealed the results of their first conference held since Mr. McNutt's return to Manila.

It is believed, however, that they are agreed on the desirability of a "realistic" re-examination of the Philippines political status.—United Press.

COMMUNISTS WANT
TO KEEP
INDEPENDENCE

Hankow, Mar. 28.
A three-point proposal for strengthening the unity of all parties, the creation of an organ representing public opinion, and also the mobilization of the populace, is contained in to-day's leading article in the Chinese-Communist party organ, the Hsin Hua Jih Pao.

Referring to the first proposal, the Communist paper says that "only allowing the existence of one political party, and refusing legal status to the other parties is not permitted by realities, while the abolition of all parties and merging them into one is impossible. Therefore, we propose the organization of a People's Revolutionary Alliance under the following three principles:

1. A joint policy adopted by all parties to be followed by the individual parties;

2. Representatives of the various parties to organize a united administration, to formulate an anti-Japanese programme, and to adjust party affairs;

3. All parties participating in the alliance to retain their own political organizational independence.—Reuter.

PREPAREDNESS TALK

A talk on Air Raid Precautions will be given by Mr. R. Dunlop, B.Sc., at St. John Ambulance Brigade Headquarters at 6 p.m. to-day.

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